



U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

August 4, 2022

NOAH SCHEER  
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1554105-000  
Subject: BEVER, HARRY RALPH

Dear Noah Scheer:

The FBI has completed its search for records subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed 823 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released. Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☐ In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☐ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- ☐ Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.



You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
  - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
  - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.



## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT  
EXPEDITE

Re: **HARRY RALPH HENRY, was, et al,**  
**FUGITIVE**  
**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS**  
**FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**

File # **70-2206**  
Lab. # **90734**

Examination requested by: **Cincinnati (70-914)**

Date of reference communication: **1st 2-12-43**

Date received: **2-12-43**

Examination requested: **Doc - 1st**

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope Louisville, Ky., Feb. 17, 1943 ad to Mrs. Clayton Wilson, 3662 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q2 Air handwritten note by "Doctor is in a corner....."
- Q3 Envelope Louisville, Ky., Feb. 17, 1943 ad to Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q4 Air handwritten note by "Man tied up in....."

RETURN EVIDENCE

(Jackets have not been called for. Identification card cards attached by Supervisor E. J. West.)

(Have advised Supervisor West of results of exam by phone)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI

FILE NO. 76-966

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CINCINNATI</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>10-13-44</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9-29-44<br/>10-13-44</b>             | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JOHN A. REITER</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as., Larry James Dugan, Fred Mathews, Harry Beaver - I.O. 1869 - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC PATKAY, w.as., William Radkey, William I. Radkey, William Isaac Radkey, William Roosen, William Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Ruben, Samuel Rowan - FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS, w.as., Sam Rickett, Thomas Roberts, George Wright - FUGITIVE; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, w.as., Clarence Wells, Woodrow Holtrop - FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, w.as., Arthur Wells, Arch, Bill; LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM</b>  |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; KIDNAPING</b> |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 350px;">SUBJECT BEVER put to death by hanging by Army Authorities at Fort Sill, Oklahoma 5:50 A.M., September 26, 1944. Fugitive complaints charging SUBJECT RICKETTS, PATKAY, BEVER, and PARSONS brothers dismissed by U. S. Attorney, Cincinnati, Ohio.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">C.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 350px;">Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 9-2-43.</p> <p style="margin-left: 350px;">Report of Special Agent KENNETH LOGAN, Oklahoma City, dated 9-29-44.</p> |                                   |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>C. E. Welch</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE           |  |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>1 - USA, Cincinnati<br>2 - Cincinnati   |                                   | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><br>76-966-186<br><br>NOV 1 1944 |  |
| COPY IN FILE   |                                   |  |  |

76-964

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Reference report of Special Agent LOGAN reflects that SUBJECT BEVER was executed at 5:50 A.M., September 26, 1944 by Military Authorities, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Assistant U. S. Attorney, ROBERT E. MARSHALL, Cincinnati, Ohio, has advised that all outstanding complaints against SUBJECTS in this case have been dismissed in view of BEVER'S execution.

Inasmuch as SUBJECTS were never arrested on this charge by U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, no disposition sheet is being submitted.

\* 'CLOSED' \*



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

October 18, 1944

TFB:AL

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY *HC*

Re: Harry Ralph Bever, was., et al,  
I.O. #1869; Avondale Branch, Second  
National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42  
Lawrence William King - Victim;  
Escaped Federal Prisoner; Bank  
Robbery; Federal Escape Act;  
Kidnapping;

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There has been received in the Laboratory Division a package from the Cincinnati Office in the above-entitled case. In this package was a letter dated October 10, 1944, together with the ammunition listed on page one and the three pistol holsters also listed. It is noted that this ammunition was forwarded for disposal by the Bureau, and accordingly, the ammunition is being placed with other ammunition in the Firearms Room to be used for test purposes. The three holsters are being forwarded to the Chief Clerk's Office for appropriate disposition as they are of no value to the Laboratory.

Respectfully,

*T.F.B.*  
T. F. Baughman



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**



**1318 Mercantile Bank Building  
Dallas, Texas**

**October 16, 1944**

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. **76-756**

**DMH/lrb**

**Director, FBI**

**Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., et al.  
Escaped Federal Prisoner  
Federal Escape Act  
Bank Robbery  
Kidnaping**

**Dear Sir:**

**As of possible interest to the Bureau, I am transmitting herewith a news story on the execution of BEVER from the Amarillo Globe, Amarillo, Texas, September 26, 1944.**

**Very truly yours,**

*R. Morley*  
**Dean R. Morley, SAC**

**Enc.**

**57 OCT 30 1944**

**76-9226-143**

**21 OCT 19 1944**

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

# ies for Murder of Clint Wood

## Deserter Is Hanged By Army

Harry R. Bever, 27 years old, former paratrooper, was hanged early today at Fort Sill, Okla., for the pistol slaying here July 22, 1943, of Clint C. Wood, Amarillo cafe operator.

Red Bever, as he was known here, was convicted last Oct. 13 by general court martial at Fort Sill on charges of murder and desertion.

At the time of his arrest here by Amarillo police within 24 hours after Mr. Wood was shot fatally while resisting a holdup, Bever also was wanted by the FBI for bank robbery and federal escape, having made a successful break for liberty, Feb. 12, 1943, from a Cincinnati jail.

Since his conviction, Bever had been held in a post prison at Fort Sill, awaiting review of the case by higher authorities.

Early in the morning of July 22, 1943, Mr. Wood and his wife left their Lamar Cafe No. 2 (now the Saratoga on Polk Street at Fourth Avenue) and drove to their home in San Jacinto. Mrs. Wood had entered their home while Mr. Wood parked the car. The cafe operator was attacked in the driveway, resisted and was wounded mortally. He staggered to the front lawn of his home and died.

At 4:15 a. m. the following morning police arrested Bever in a hotel. In his pocket, Bever had a bus ticket to Albuquerque and was prepared to leave. His baggage forwarded to Albuquerque the night before, contained clues introduced at the three-day murder trial.

When taken to police headquarters here immediately after his arrest Bever pointed to an FBI poster on the wall and said quickly:

"That's what I'm wanted for."

The "wanted" bulletin described Bever as a federal escapee.

Bever's home was in Kansas City, Mo. He was a private in a parachute battalion and deserted in August of 1942 from Fort Benning, Ga.

After coming here Bever worked in the Lamar cafes for a short time as a cook, but had resigned prior to the slaying.

THE AMARILLO GLOBE  
Amarillo, Texas  
September 26, 1944

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ENCLOSURE

76-1276-173

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

SP FILE NO. 91-428

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ST. PAUL, MINN.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>10/9/44</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>10/2,5/44</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>DANIEL F. MC WILLIAM</b> <span style="float: right;">b6</span>               |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was; Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio 8/31/42; LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM</b> |                                  |   | SUBJECT<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>BANK ROBBERY<br/>KIDNAPPING</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Guns recovered by CAPT. CLARENCE McLASKEY from Subject BEVER and other Subjects in this case at the time of BEVER'S apprehension in Minneapolis, Minnesota forwarded to St. Paul Office by Cincinnati Office on October 5, 1944, were turned over to Capt McLASKEY and JAMES L. MULLEN, Inspector of Detectives, Minneapolis Police Department.

RUC

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Cincinnati dated September 30, 1944.  
Report of SAC KENNETH LOGAN, Oklahoma City, dated 9/29/44.

**DETAILS:**

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It will be noted that Capt. CLARENCE McLASKEY of the Minneapolis Police Department who, along with other officers of his department, apprehended Subject BEVER, Ricketts and RADKE, Subjects to instant bank robbery, requested at the time he turned the various guns recovered from these individuals that he would like to have them returned to him after that matter had been disposed of in U. S. District Court in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It will be noted that these Subjects were apprehended the latter part of 1942 by the Minneapolis Police Department at which time Captain McLASKEY and Inspector of Detectives, JAMES L. MULLEN released to the St. Paul Field Office the various guns, money and other property recovered from these Subjects.

It will be noted that the releasing of the above-mentioned guns to the Minneapolis Police Department by the Cincinnati Office has been held in abeyance pending the outcome of Subject BEVER'S trial by court martial at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>M. B. Choate</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |                           |
| OCT 22 1944<br>3 - Bureau<br>3 - ST. PAUL<br>2 - St. Paul<br>COPY IN FILE | 10-15-1944<br>OCT 11 1944    | RECORDED<br>INDEXED<br>29 |

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St. Paul #91-428

According to the reference of SAC LOGAN, Oklahoma City Office, Subject BEVER was executed at 5:50 a.m. the morning of September 26, 1944, by the military authorities at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

By railway express on September 30, 1944, the Cincinnati Office forwarded to St. Paul:

- One Model 99, Caliber .300 Savage Lever action rifle, Serial #401296
- One Stevens 16 Ga. Double Barrel shotgun, Serial #5100, bearing markings YI, letter H within circle.
- One Springfield Double Barrel 16 Ga. shotgun, Serial #267,727
- One Remington Automatic 20 Ga. shotgun, Serial #468,094, #1068064
- One Colt Automatic, Caliber .32, bearing Serial #404,515
- One Colt Automatic, .32 caliber, bearing Serial #256,221
- One Luger Pistol, caliber 9 millimeter, bearing Serial #1275
- One Colt Automatic, Caliber .45, model 1911, U. S. Army, Serial #209,164
- One Colt Police Positive Special, caliber, .32-20 WCF, bearing Serial #71,506A.
- One Army Colt Special, caliber .32-20 WCF, bearing Serial #351,860E
- One Hopkins & Allen Revolver, caliber .38, bearing markings on frame under cylinder A. F., and bearing serial #3628 indented on the frame under the grip.

The above-mentioned guns were turned over by the writer and SA WILLIARD I. STAPLES, JR. to Inspector of Detectives, JAMES L. MULLEN and Captain LAWRENCE McLASKEY of the Minneapolis Police Department on October 5, 1944, at which time a receipt was received from MR. MULLEN and has been placed in the exhibit file of instant case.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

170-300  
75-2005 - 181

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 20, 1944 (URGENT)

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CINCINNATI

HARRY WALTON BOWER, WAS, REAL, IO ONE EIGHT SIX NINE; AYNDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER THIRTY ONE NINETEEN FORTY TWO. RFF, FRA, DR, KID. REUNITS OCTOBER TEN LAST. SPECIFIC ADVICE SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM APPROPRIATE USA RELATIVE TO DESIRED DISPOSITION OF THE MONEY RECOVERED FROM SUBJECTS AT THE TIME OF THEIR APPREHENSION AND RELATIVE TO INDICATED DISPOSITION OF OTHER PROPERTY RECOVERED FROM SUBJECTS. YOU SHOULD BE COVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DESIRES OF USA.

HOOVER

91-3481-114

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/10/44

C.G.W. FROM : C. E. WEEKS, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., et al,  
 I.O. #1869;  
 Avondale Branch, Second National Bank,  
 Cincinnati, Ohio,  
 10/31/42;  
 LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - Victim;  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
 BANK ROBBERY;  
 KIDNAPPING.

At the time of the apprehension of subjects BEVER, RADKAY and RICKETTS by the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police, there was recovered from their persons \$1648.87 which is presently in the possession of this office.

U. S. Attorney, Cincinnati, has furnished this office with a letter dated September 29, 1944, from Nichols, Wood, Marx, Ginter, Attorneys-at-law, Cincinnati, Ohio, in which this firm requested the U. S. Attorney to advise the Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office to pay to the Clerk of the Hamilton County Courts the money taken from subjects in instant case.

Since this case has now been brought to a logical conclusion with the execution of subject BEVER by the U. S. Army authorities this office is contemplating turning over to the Clerk of the Hamilton County Courts the money which was recovered from the subjects. Unless advised to the contrary by October 31, 1944, this request will be carried out.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/10/44

cc. FROM : C. E. WEEKS, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., et al,  
 I. O. #1869;  
 Avondale Branch, Second National Bank,  
 Cincinnati, Ohio,  
 10/31/42;  
 LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - Victim;  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
 BANK ROBBERY;  
 KIDNAPPING.

This office is forwarding to the Bureau via Railway Express for disposal by the Bureau the following ammunition which was recovered from subjects in instant case by the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police, at the time of their apprehension:

50 - .45 caliber Remington Kleanbore Cartridges  
 37 - .32 caliber Kleanbore Cartridges  
 53 - 9 mm. caliber " "  
 14 - .38 caliber " "  
 8 - .32 WCF  
 3 - 3220 Peters  
 3 - 3220 Western  
 15 - .300 Remington Kleanbore High-Speed  
 20 - .300 Peters High Velocity  
 41 - 20 gauge Western Super X shotgun shells  
 14 - 16 gauge Peters Victor shotgun shells  
 25 - 16 gauge Western X Sport shotgun shells  
 2 - hip holsters  
 1 - shoulder holster

There is also being forwarded under separate cover to the Kansas City office the following personal property of the subjects for appropriate disposal to the relatives of subjects, unless the Kansas City office is advised to the contrary by the Bureau by October 24, 1944.

It is requested that the Kansas City office, upon clearance with the Bureau, return the following items to the

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relatives, as noted in this letter, and obtain an itemized receipt:

To Mrs. MARY RADKAY - Mother of subject RADKAY,  
250 North Fifth Street,  
Kansas City, Kansas

One Richman tan suit coat  
One black billfold and miscellaneous papers  
One wristwatch arm band  
One ring  
\$1.44 - small change

These items will be found in the pocket of the sport coat.

Following property should be turned over to  
JULIA RICKETTS, Mother of subject RICKETTS, 3023 Montgall Avenue, Kansas  
City, Missouri:

One man's hat  
One tan leather zipper toilet kit  
One tan leather bag

The following property should be turned over to  
Mr. OSCAR BEVER, Millgrove, Missouri, which is the property of subject BEVER  
who was recently executed:

One brown snap toilet kit  
One black leather bag  
One Richman's super quality men's suit  
One Richman Brothers quality men's suit, color blue  
Two pairs of Florsheim Shoes  
One tan leather billfold  
One tan leather folder

It should be noted that all other personal  
property of subjects RICKETTS and RADKAY was released to them on March 8,  
1943, at which time they were transferred to the Federal Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia, by the U. S. Marshal.

cc: Kansas City.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **91-675**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>KANSAS CITY</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>10/6/44</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9/27/44</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>W. LEE HANCOCK</b> <span style="float: right;">a36</span>  |
| TITLE<br><b>EARLY RALPH SEVER, was;<br/>                 Avondale Branch, Second National Bank,<br/>                 Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42;<br/>                 LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;<br/>                 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;<br/>                 RANSOMING;<br/>                 KIDNAPING</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS COSTLOW  
dismissed complaint outstanding at Kansas City,  
Missouri, against SEVER upon advice that SEVER had  
been executed.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Oklahoma City Office dated 9/26/44

**DETAILS:**

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**PROSECUTIVE ACTION:**

Upon receipt of advice from the Oklahoma City Field Division that subject had been executed, Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS COSTLOW authorized the dismissal of the complaint which had been previously filed at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 26, 1943, alleging the kidnapping offense against SEVER. The complaint was actually dismissed by Mr. COSTLOW before United States Commissioner CHARLES THOMPSON at Kansas City, Missouri, on September 27, 1944.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI

FILE NO. 76-816

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>OKLA. CITY, OKLA.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>9/29/44</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9/24, 26/44</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>KENNETH LOGAN</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases: Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red", Leonard Jack Edwards, Jack Edwards, Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/11/42.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; BANK ROBBERY; KIDNAPING.</b> |
| SUBJECTS OF CASE:<br><b>LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM.</b>   |                                  |   |  |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** BEVER executed 5:30 A.M., 9/26/44 by military Fort Sill, Okla.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent LOYDE E. KINGMAN, Dallas, 10/14/43. Teletype to Bureau, Cincinnati and Kansas City 9/26/44.

**DETAILS:**

Under date of September 24, 1944, Colonel GALLAHER, Acting Commanding Officer, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, telephonically advised that the execution of HARRY RALPH BEVER was scheduled for 5:30 A.M., September 26, 1944. Colonel GALLAHER requested that the information be retained in a confidential status until after the execution.

On the morning of September 26, 1944, Special Agent H. BURTON BRACY, Resident Agent at Fort Sill, pursuant to instructions, telephonically advised that the execution had been carried out at 5:30 A.M. that date.

The Bureau and the Cincinnati and Kansas City Field Divisions were advised by teletype.

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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases  
Accountant Branch, Second National Bank,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/21/44

LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
BANK ROBBERY; KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 21, 1944, concerning  
the execution of Mary Ralph Bever.

I thought you would be interested in learning that Bever was executed  
by hanging at 9:50 A. M., September 26, 1944, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City

DATE: September 8, 1944

SUBJECT: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1000,  
Avalon Branch, Second National Bank,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-31-42;  
LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT,  
BANK ROBBERY, KIDNAPING

On September 1, 1944, Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE H. WILSON, Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was contacted relative to the present status of this case. He advised that on August 6, 1944, the Post Commander, Fort Sill, received notification from Headquarters of the Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas, that the reviewing authority had affirmed the death sentence imposed on the subject of this investigation by a military court at Fort Sill. The Post Commander was directed to make preparations for the execution of the sentence at Fort Sill on August 16, 1944.

According to Lieutenant Colonel WILSON, the necessary preparations were made and on August 17, 1944, an order was issued by the Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, that the execution of this sentence should be stayed indefinitely in view of the recommendation made by the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., based on newly discovered evidence which would have a bearing on the carrying out of this sentence.

The Post Commander at Fort Sill has had no further instructions in this matter to date, and is now awaiting further orders from the Headquarters of the Eighth Service Command. The Bureau will be advised of developments regarding the disposition of this case by military authorities.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1944

FROM : T. E. NAUGHTON, SAC, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: **HARRY RALPH SEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE**  
**IO 1939, Avondale Branch, Second National**  
**Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1943.**  
**LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM**  
**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**  
**BANK ROBBERY, KIDNAPING**

Please be advised that the Kansas City office by letter dated August 1, 1944 has advised that Captain THOMAS P. MEZINS, Acting Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was contacted by the Kansas City office on July 28, 1944 at which time he advised that the record of the military trial which sentenced subject, SEVER, to death by hanging is still before the reviewing authority of the Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas.

Captain MEZINS advised further that no further action had been taken with regard to the death sentence imposed by the military court, Fort Sill, Oklahoma in October of 1943. He stated further that SEVER is presently incarcerated in the Post Prison, Fort Sill pending further instructions from the reviewing authority.

In view of this apparent delay of the reviewing authority, this will advise that this case is being carried in a pending inactive status by this office.

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RE: **BARTY RALPH BOWER, was - FUGITIVE -**  
**Avondale Branch, Second National Bank,**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio, 20-22-42;**  
**LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM.**  
**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;**  
**BANK ROBBERY; KIDNAPING.**

**INSPECTOR BRANTLEY**

This case is delinquent and should receive investigative attention and a report should be submitted at the earliest possible time.

The Agent to whom this case is assigned has been instructed to give it prompt attention in order to remove the delinquency.

INSPECTION REPORT  
St. Louis Office  
October 21, 1943  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-457**

| REPORT MADE AT  | DATE WHEN MADE | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE   | REPORT MADE BY   |
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| Saint Louis, Missouri   | 11-12-43       | 10-29,30;11-10-43   | DONALD M. De HART (A) <span style="float: right;">dek</span> |
| TITLE   |                | CHARACTER OF CASE   |  |
| HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., FUGITIVE,<br>I.O. #1869; Avondale Branch, Second National<br>Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-31-42;<br>LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM |                | ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;<br>BANK ROBBERY; KIDNAPING |  |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of subject's having resided at Statler or Mayfair Hotels, St. Louis, Missouri. No record of telegrams.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent ELMER H. ADKINS dated August 3, 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri.

**DETAILS:**

AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

Mr. PAUL LEMPE, a cashier of the Mayfair Hotel, advised that all hotel records had been burned in March, 1943. He stated that they had been able to save a few of the records but was unable to find any records pertaining to the period that the mob was to have been in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. J. KUHN, Executive Manager of the Hotel Statler, checked the records of the Statler Hotel during November and December, of 1942 but was unable to find any record of the names L. J. DUGAN or GEORGE WATSON or the correct names of BEVER, RADWAY, or RICKETTS. KUHN stated unless we have the name which the subject used while staying at that hotel it would be almost impossible to determine the specific date that he stopped there. He further advised that any telephone records which might have been made at that time have now been destroyed, inasmuch as these records are not kept for longer than a period of six months. KUHN stated that any Western Union Telegram sent from the lobby of the Statler Hotel would be on record with the Western Union Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

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It was determined through Western Union that inquiry concerning Western Union money orders should be made at the division central office located at Dallas, Texas.

Inasmuch as the mob has been apprehended no further investigation is being conducted by this field division and no lead is being set out for the Dallas Field Office to check for above mentioned money orders.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. M. E. GILFORD  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**

I am attaching a release concerning the arrest of William Isaac Radkey and Samuel Ricketts by Special Agents of the FBI in Kansas City, Missouri, which I thought you might like to make available to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Attachment

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

**March 2, 1943**

The Department of Justice announced today that William Isaac Rodkey and Samuel Ricketts, two of the five felons who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, have been apprehended by Special Agents of the FBI in Kansas City, Missouri.

Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who described Rodkey and Ricketts as two extremely ruthless and dangerous criminals, pointed out that Rodkey was arrested at 7:00 p.m. last night by FBI Agents. Ricketts was apprehended this morning at 6:15 in a Kansas City rooming house by FBI Agents and Kansas City police. Both were unarmed.

Ricketts, Rodkey and Harry Ralph Tower -- the latter escaped is currently being sought -- were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942, when the jail break occurred. In addition to these three, Clarence and Arthur Carson, brothers, who were sentenced on November 30, 1942, in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, to serve seventy-five years each for kidnapping also escaped. However, they were apprehended by local officers on January 17, 1943, in an abandoned house in a suburb of Cincinnati.

Photographs of the fugitives and publicity concerning their activities displayed on the front page of a Kansas City newspaper contributed directly to the apprehension of Ricketts and Hedley, according to Director Hoover. He cited this as another illustration of the excellent cooperation afforded law enforcement by the press.

Ricketts and Hedley are being arraigned in Kansas City, Missouri, today.

Hedley, 31, has an extensive criminal record, having specialized in robbery. Together with Ricketts, 28, and Weaver, 26, he engineered the Euclid Branch Bank robbery in Cincinnati last fall. Brandishing firearms, the trio threatened to kill anyone who hesitated to obey. They scooped up over \$6,500 and fled in an automobile they had parked nearby. In the course of their flight they threw out single dollar bills to divert attention from themselves. Hedley and his two associates were confined to the Hamilton County Jail to await prosecution for this bank robbery when, together with the Kansas brothers, they severely assaulted prison guards and escaped. Hedley, Ricketts and Weaver stayed together, and on February 18, 1933, kidnaped Dr. J. Edgar Wilson near a Cincinnati hospital. They took him to a deserted shack near the city where he was bound hand and feet with wire. They made their get away in his automobile.

The felons next turned up in Louisville, Kentucky, where on February 17, 1943, they addressed two letters to Cincinnati addresses -- one to Dr. Wilson's wife and another to the Cincinnati police chief, both describing the location of Dr. Wilson. On February 22, 1943, Ruckey appeared at a Louisville, Kentucky, hospital with a badly fractured heel. This was disclosed when a X-ray was taken by a Louisville doctor.

Three days later, on February 25, 1943, the three fugitives engaged in a gun battle with Kansas City, Missouri, police on Wendleton Street. Their car was wrecked and they made a get away on foot. In the rear of the stolen automobile, officers discovered sixteen drums of gasoline and a rubber hose for siphoning gasoline from other cars.

The FBI and local officers are making an intensive search throughout the Midwest for the third member of the trio, Harry Ralph Sawyer.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 76-274

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PHOENIX, ARIZONA</b> | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>10/18/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9/2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20, &amp; 21/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>ALFRED D. MEERLEY</b> |
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**TITLE** HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red", Leonard Jack Edwards, Jack Edwards, FUGITIVE I.O. #1869, Avondale Branch, Second National Bank Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/21/43; LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM.

**CHARACTER OF CASE**  
**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;**  
**FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;**  
**BANK ROBBERY;**  
**KIDNAPING.**

*W.S.T.A.*

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject as **JACK EDWARDS** employed at Aluminum Co. 3/25/43 to 4/19/43. Subject came to Phoenix 3/7/43 and while en route became acquainted with Mrs. **FAYE LEMEN**, Manager Williams Hotel, Phoenix, arriving Phoenix went with Mrs. **LEMEN** to Williams Hotel where he lived until 4/11/43. Mrs. **LEMEN** reported to have known Subject was wanted by FBI. Subject allegedly close friend of **RICHARD J. JOHNSON** now employed Douglas, Arizona. Subject left Phoenix for Oklahoma City 4/22/43 with **ALVIN HICKS**, **MABEL JOHNSON** & **MARY KELLOY**. On arrival at Amarillo were forced to go to work due to lack of funds. **HICKS** & two girls continued on to Oklahoma City after staying at Amarillo for approximately two weeks. Facts presented USA Phoenix, prosecution declined. Criminal record Phoenix negative.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **LOYDE E. KINGMAN**, Dallas, Texas, dated August 19, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

Mr. **K. H. BRIGHTMAN**, owner El Royal Courts, 106 North 17th Avenue, advised after a check of his records that Subject, under his correct name or any of his aliases, ~~not~~ occupied a cabin at the El Royal Courts since January 1943, but that cabin ~~was~~ occupied by **R. J. JOHNSON**, Topeka, Kansas, and **W. J. DREHOUSEK**, Flagstaff.

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Arizona, from April 10, 1943, until June 27, 1943. BRIGHTMAN stated that both JOHNSON and DRBROUSEK were employed at the Aluminum Plant.

BRIGHTMAN stated that to his knowledge neither JOHNSON nor DRBROUSEK had any visitors and that it was impossible to check on long distance telephone calls made as the only telephone available was a telephone located in the office.

OMA WILEY, colored porter El Royal Courts, was interviewed and advised that he had done the laundry for DRBROUSEK and JOHNSON and had become quite friendly with them, enough so that occasionally he would be invited in for an occasional drink with either JOHNSON or DRBROUSEK. WILEY stated that during this time he never heard either JOHNSON or DRBROUSEK mention the name of Subject and could not recall any visitors coming to see either of them.

Mr. B. R. VAN CLEVE, Engineer, Defense Plant Corporation, made a check of the only available records maintained on laborers, advised that Subject was employed under the name of JACK EDWARDS as a laborer on March 25, 1943, and that he quit on April 19, 1943. Mr. VAN CLEVE stated that all of the men who were working at the Aluminum Company during the time that Subject was there were now gone and scattered all over the country on other jobs.

W. J. DRBROUSEK was interviewed and stated that he did not know Subject but that he recalled hearing his room mate, RICHARD J. JOHNSON, speak of him. DRBROUSEK stated that JOHNSON is now believed to be working in Douglas, Arizona. DRBROUSEK also stated he believed that Subject lived with JAMES C. HAWKINS while at the Williams Hotel and he frequently referred to Subject as "Red" and HAWKINS as "Hawshaw". A photograph of Subject was shown to DRBROUSEK and he stated that he did not recall ever seeing Subject.

JAMES CLEVELAND HAWKINS, "Drop In Drop Out Court", Lateral 21, Buckeye Road, was interviewed and advised that he knew Subject as JACK EDWARDS but did not room with him at the Williams Hotel. HAWKINS stated that Subject lived in a room with FAYE LEMEN, Manager of the Hotel, during the time he was there. HAWKINS stated during the time he was living at the Williams Hotel JACK ASHLEY, who also lived at the hotel, told him EDWARDS was a crook and before he left he would own the Williams Hotel, inferring that he was playing WILLIAMS' daughter, FAYE LEMEN, and could get anything he wanted from her. HAWKINS also said that he knew Subject gambled at the hotel and on frequent occasions his gambling parties were in Mrs. LEMEN's room. HAWKINS stated that he did not believe that ASHLEY would know any more about Subject than he and it was Subject's appearance that gave him the idea that he was a crook.

Mrs. FAYE LEMEN was interviewed at the Williams Hotel by the writer and Special Agent F. J. LUSKY at which time she advised that either in March or April 1943 she went to visit her husband, Lieutenant ROBERT L. LEMEN stationed at Camp Gruber at Muskogee, Oklahoma. On returning to Phoenix by Rock Island Railroad she met Subject who at the time was involved in a black-jack game with four soldiers. Mrs. LEMEN stated some M.P.'s came through the car and broke up the game and that Subject came to where she was sitting and asked her if he might sit down in a seat next to her. Mrs. LEMEN stated that Subject subsequently told her that he had gotten on the train at Knoxville, that he was employed in a defense plant in California and was on his way back to work. Mrs. LEMEN stated, as she recalled, the name of the place where Subject was supposed to be employed was Ontario, California, which is located just out of Los Angeles. Mrs. LEMEN also stated that Subject advised her that he had been married and that his wife was named DIXIE but that she had divorced him and was now living in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. LEMEN also stated that Subject stated his father was a carpenter and that he had a brother in Washington, D. C., who was an Instructor with the F.B.I. Also that he had a brother in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who was in the Army Air Corps. Mrs. LEMEN stated that Subject also advised her that his real name was LARRY DUGAN.

On arriving at the outskirts of Phoenix, Mrs. LEMEN stated that she reminded Subject that she was getting off at Phoenix and Subject subsequently asked her if it would be all right for him to get off and come to the hotel and stay there for a while. Mrs. LEMEN said both she and Subject got off the train at Phoenix and went to the hotel where Subject registered as JACK EDWARDS. Mrs. LEMEN stated that shortly after arriving in Phoenix she began going out with Subject occasionally to eat and to shows but that she had not had any immoral relations with Subject during this time. Mrs. LEMEN stated that she and her husband had quarreled while she was in Oklahoma visiting him, thus accounting for her going out with another man.

Mrs. LEMEN also stated that shortly after Subject came to Phoenix, he went to town and purchased several suits of clothes and at that time appeared to have plenty of money, however, shortly afterwards was broke and attempted to borrow money from several people staying at the hotel. Mrs. LEMEN stated that during the time Subject was there, PAT STONAKER told her that Subject had done time and also that REX APOLLO, who formerly operated a cafe nextdoor to the Williams Hotel, told her that Subject had robbed a bank but did not say where.

Mrs. LEMEN was asked to produce hotel records showing registration of Subject but advised that she had destroyed the records for the period that Subject stayed at the hotel but had in her possession all other records of the hotel

as far back as seven years ago. Mrs. LEMEN could not give a satisfactory explanation for the destruction of these records, neither could she recall definitely the room occupied by Subject while staying at the Williams Hotel.

Mrs. LEMEN subsequently telephonically advised the writer that Subject registered at the Hotel on March 8th and moved to the Windsor Hotel on April 11, 1943.

Mrs. LEMEN advised that about the time that Subject moved from the Williams Hotel to the Windsor Hotel she went to the El Royal Courts to Cabin C-1 looking for him and at that time advised the Manager, Mr. BRIGHTMAN, that she was looking for her husband. Mrs. LEMEN stated she went to cottage C-1 and asked JOHNSON where she could locate "Red" and was told he was staying at the Windsor Hotel.

Mrs. LEMEN stated that Subject was particularly friendly with RICHARD "BLACKIE" JOHNSON and that they were together quite frequently. After Subject left Phoenix, Mrs. LEMEN stated she saw LLOYD HENRY, who was also a guest at the hotel at the time Subject was there, and HENRY told her that he had run into two girls who had come to Amarillo with EDWARDS. Mrs. LEMEN stated that HENRY was still employed by the Aluminum Company and could be contacted either there or at the hotel after work.

Mrs. LEMEN stated that she went to the Windsor Hotel on one occasion to see Subject and was sure the one occasion was the only time that she was there. Mrs. LEMEN also stated that she asked Subject about the bank robbery and at that time he denied being involved and told her that he had done time but was not on parole.

Mrs. LEMEN stated she did not know anything about JOHNSON but that she was of the opinion that they did not know each other prior to meeting at the Williams Hotel. Mrs. LEMEN stated that Subject was in Phoenix several days or possibly longer before JOHNSON arrived. Mrs. LEMEN stated that at no time did she ever pay any of Subject's bills other than laundry, which was customary at the hotel, and that Subject owed her approximately \$30.00 back rent when he left.

It should be noted that Mrs. LEMEN was very hesitant about furnishing any information concerning Subject and from the outset wanted to talk to her attorney before furnishing any information. Mrs. LEMEN steadfastly denied Subject related any of his past criminal escapades to her and that the only information she had came to her through other individuals.

ALVIN PASCAL STONAKER, 7th Avenue Hotel, stated that he met Subject at the Williams Hotel in the early spring and on several occasions had been out with

him drinking and on one occasion when Subject was drunk, he told him that he had done time and that he was wanted by the F.B.I. and the "Cops" back East. STONAKER said he thought he was just "popping off" and dismissed the conversation from his mind. STONAKER said that Subject always seemed to have plenty of money and it was his opinion that he spent considerable time gambling, much of it at the Williams Hotel. STONAKER supplied the address of "Max" J. K. APOLLO as General Delivery, Dunkirk, New York. STONAKER also stated that he never recalled Subject mentioning anyone by the name of "Blackie" JOHNSON.

Mr. LLOYD HENRY, Williams Hotel, was interviewed and advised that he was acquainted with Subject during the time he lived at the Williams Hotel and at the time Subject left Phoenix, he advised him he was going to Tucson to go to work and told him to pick up his laundry at the Windsor. HENRY stated he did this and still had the laundry in his possession which consisted of only work clothes. HENRY stated that Subject went out quite frequently with FAYE LEMEN and she was about the only girl that he recalls seeing him with during the time he was here. HENRY stated that some time after Subject had left Phoenix he met MABEL JOHNSON who resides at the California Inn on 6th Avenue and she told him that she, ALVIN HICKS, and MARY MALLOY had gone to Amarillo with Subject and that they left him in Amarillo and went on to Oklahoma City.

Mrs. MABEL JOHNSON, 660 North 6th Avenue, was interviewed, at which time she advised that she met Subject at the Windsor Hotel and that she was introduced to him by MARY MALLOY who lived at 740 North 18th Avenue, Phoenix. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that she and Mrs. MALLOY were then living at the Windsor Hotel and in April Subject and ALVIN HICKS came by their room and started talking about going to Oklahoma City and for some reason that she could not explain, she and Mrs. MALLOY decided to accompany them to Oklahoma City. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that the trip was made in ALVIN HICKS' car and on arriving in Amarillo, as they had run out of funds, Subject went to work at the Club Cafe as a cook and ALVIN went to work as a cab driver for the Yellow Cab Company. Mrs. JOHNSON stated she had no immoral relations with either Subject or HICKS during the trip or during their subsequent stay in Amarillo, that they did not spend any time en route to Amarillo but that all of the time was spent driving, that after reaching Amarillo she and Mrs. MALLOY took a room and HICKS and Subject took another room. Mrs. JOHNSON was unable to supply the address in Amarillo where they stayed but said it was some rooming house two blocks east of Polk Street, north of town. Mrs. JOHNSON advised she was married and her husband was in the Army and stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and after leaving Amarillo she went on to Oklahoma and subsequently on to San Antonio where she visited with her husband, returning to Phoenix the latter part of July 1943.

Mrs. JOHNSON stated that at no time Subject told her of his past criminal record and that she had no knowledge whatsoever that he was wanted by the F. B. I.

Mrs. MARY MALLOY, 743 North 12th Avenue, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent Charles H. Kimball at which time she advised she met Subject while she was staying at the Windsor Hotel in April 1943, and that she and MABEL JOHNSON had gone out with Subject and ALVIN HICKS, the cab driver for the Yellow Cab Company in Phoenix, on several occasions and on April 22, 1943, decided to go to Oklahoma City. Mrs. MALLOY stated that HICKS' wife had left him and had returned to her home in Oklahoma City and as he was returning to Oklahoma City, they all decided to go with him. Mrs. MALLOY stated that when they left Phoenix they got on the wrong road and ended up in Nogales, Arizona, a considerable distance out of the way, and then proceeded on to some place in New Mexico where they spent the night. Mrs. MALLOY stated she believed this to be Deming, however, was not sure. All four stayed in one cabin this night and left the following morning for Amarillo, reaching Amarillo they took rooms at a tourist lodge located on a street running past the Herring Hotel north of town and nextdoor to the Lone Star Auto Courts where they stayed for approximately two weeks. Mrs. MALLOY stated that she lived with ALVIN HICKS and that Mrs. MABEL JOHNSON lived with Subject and that so far as she knew, Subject and HICKS had registered as man and wife for both couples. Mrs. MALLOY stated that she had intercourse with HICKS on several occasions and she assumed that Mrs. JOHNSON and Subject did likewise.

Mrs. MALLOY stated that after reaching Amarillo they were all broke and that Subject went to work at the Club Cafe as a cook and that ALVIN HICKS went to work for the Hammond Cab Company and that he also worked for a short time for a warehouse believed to be Furr Warehouse or Wholesale Grocery Company.

Mrs. MALLOY stated that she recalls Subject mentioning the story that was told by Subject that he had robbed a hotel in Florida and it was necessary that he kill the hotel clerk to get the money. She also recalled Subject saying that he did not want to go back East as he was in trouble there.

Mrs. MALLOY stated that when they were in Amarillo the Subject asked Mrs. JOHNSON to go to the Rationing Board and to the Social Security Office and apply for rationing books and social security card for him. Mrs. MALLOY stated she went with Mrs. JOHNSON where they secured application forms, took them back home and had EDWARDS sign them and returned them to the respective offices where they received the social security card and ration book. Mrs. MALLOY stated that Mrs. JOHNSON advised both the offices that she was the wife of Subject.



Mrs. MALLOY stated that she recalled Subject talking about his wife DIXIE and also mentioned that he had been in the Army and had in his possession an Army cap while on the trip to Amarillo. Mrs. MALLOY appeared to be very cooperative and willing to furnish any information available. She also supplied a map showing the route taken from Phoenix to Amarillo and her subsequent travel from Amarillo to Oklahoma City, thence to San Antonio and then to Phoenix. Mrs. MALLOY also furnished a photograph that was made of Subject and Mrs. JOHNSON while on the trip as well as a photograph that was made of the tourist court where they stayed on the first night out of Phoenix. It may be stated that neither of these identify either Subject, Mrs. JOHNSON or the exact location of the tourist court. These photographs and map are being retained in the files of the Phoenix Field Division for whatever value they may have at a later date.

Mr. LESLIE HILL, Manager of the Apache Hotel, 515 North Central, formerly Manager of the Windsor Hotel, stated that Subject registered at the Windsor Hotel on April 11, 1943, in Room 313, and left the hotel on April 22, 1943, without giving any forwarding address. A picture of Subject was shown to Mr. HILL who immediately identified him as JACK EDWARDS. Mr. HILL stated Subject came to the Windsor Hotel from the Williams Hotel and at the time he came, had a big black eye which he claimed he received while in a dice game. HILL stated Subject did not make any long distance calls and did not have any particular friends in the hotel, that he could recall.

Mr. ELMER F. SNYDER, owner of the Mission Inn, East Van Buren Street, stated FAYE LEMEN came to the tavern, Mission Inn, looking for the Subject on several different occasions and as he recalled, both of them had meals there together on several different occasions. Mr. SNYDER stated that in his opinion Mrs. LEMEN was a prostitute and that he had seen her in the tavern on several occasions with other men even though she was supposedly married. The picture of Subject was shown to Mr. SNYDER who immediately identified him as the person accompanying Mrs. LEMEN to the tavern.

Mr. LLOYD TATE, Bookkeeper, Wallace & Wallace Construction Company, South 19th Avenue, advised that RICHARD J. JOHNSON is now employed at Douglas, Arizona, on an auxiliary airport located just out of Douglas at what is known as Webb, Arizona.

The facts were presented to the Honorable FRANK E. FLYNN who declined prosecution on the White Slave Traffic Violation and stated that there was insufficient evidence to prove violation of the Harboring Statute.

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Mr. F. W. GIBSON, Records Division, Phoenix Police Department, checked the records and advised no records were available on Subject or any of his aliases other than the wanted notice posted by the Bureau.

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THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

AT DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

Will attempt to locate and interview "Rex" J. K. APOLLO, General Delivery, Dunkirk, New York, for any information he may have concerning Subject and his relations with Mrs. FAYE LEMEN at the Williams Hotel, Phoenix.

THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

AT DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

Will interview RICHARD J. JOHNSON, alias "Blackie", who is employed by the Wallace & Wallace Construction Company at Webb, Arizona, for any information he may have concerning Subject.

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## Offered to Free Others 5 Ohio Convicts Beat Jailer, Flee in Stolen Car

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 13.—Police today were chasing two kidnapers and three bank bandits who broke out of jail last night in the hilly country near here.

The men were Arthur, 34, and Clarence Parson, 23, brothers, under sentence of 75 years imprisonment for kidnaping a woman in Manchester, Ohio, last fall; and Harry Beaver, 23, William C. Rathay, 28, and Sam Ricketts, 28, charged with holding up the Avondale, Ohio, branch of the Second National Bank of Cincinnati.

line and stole another car. A police car came along then and a wild chase along the highway ensued, with the policemen firing after them. After four miles, their car turned over on a curve and the men scattered. Police believed the men were cornered today

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They closed up the plumbing of the bull pen of the county jail and then demanded mops and buckets of Turnkey Dennis Ryan, 55.

When he brought them in they beat him unconscious with their shoes and locked him in the bull pen, with his own keys with five other prisoners, including Tony Treat, 54, under life sentence for murdering a 10-year-old child. He refused to escape.

They next went to the jailer's office where they overpowered and trussed two guards with rope. Then they went to the women's quarters, locked the matrons in a cell and gallantly offered two women prisoners the opportunity of escape. They refused.

The elevator took them to the basement of the court house in which the jail is located, and they fled to the street where Leslie Mann, 36, was Ohio, and his wife were parking their auto. They jerked the Manns out of the machine and drove off. In suburban Avondale they ran out of gas.

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|   | <p>RE: WILLIAM RAYMOND, was, fug.<br/>HENRY RALPH WATKINS, was, fug.<br/>OSCAR RICHARDS, was, Neg.<br/>Avondale Branch, 2nd National<br/>Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-31-42.<br/>B. C. ROBERTS<br/>(91-563)</p> |                      |             |             |
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| <p>CC-BAC, Cincinnati</p>                       |   |                      |             |             |

February 13, 1943

MR. NICHOLS

RE: SAMUEL RICHETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH REVER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; NATIONAL  
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Samuel Ricketts, William Isaac Radkay, Harry Ralph Rever, Clarence Albert Parsons, and Arthur Raymond Parsons, Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, are five of the most desperate and dangerous criminals at liberty today. Ricketts, Radkay, and Rever were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, which occurred on October 31, 1942. Clarence and Arthur Parsons were sentenced on November 23, 1942, in Federal court at Cincinnati, Ohio, to serve 75 years each for kidnaping. Federal complaints were filed against each of these five subjects on February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

RE: SUBJECTS RICHETTS, RADKAY, AND REVER

The Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, was robbed by two masked men armed with a shotgun and revolver about 8:00 P.M. on October 31, 1942. Lost taken amounted to \$6,344.00 in denominations of \$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, and \$1.00 bills. A third man drove the getaway car. Four employees and ten customers of the bank were present at the time of the robbery. The getaway car was found to have been stolen at 10:30 P.M. on October 30, 1942, at Cincinnati, and this car was recovered on November 1, 1942, in Cincinnati. On November 23, 1942, a soldier was shot and critically wounded in the Happy Hour Cafe, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Subject Rever. Investigation by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Police Departments resulted in the apprehension of Subjects Rever, Radkay, and Ricketts, who were all found to be carrying fictitious selective service registration cards and to be in possession of a large amount of money. A search of the Plymouth automobile they were driving further disclosed a number of guns and license plates, and it was determined that this car had been stolen in Cincinnati about September 27, 1942. Complaints were at this time filed against the subjects charging them with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and finally after being questioned for a number of hours by Bureau Agents and local police, Subject Rever

Memorandum for Mr. Nichols

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admitted his participation in instant robbery along with Subjects Radney and Ricketts in a signed statement which he later refused to sign.

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS ; *ALBERT PARSONS* *PARSONS*

About 10:30 P.M. on August 9, 1942, Victim Vivian Welle, age fifteen years, and her sister, Adalene, age twenty years, both of Manchester, Ohio, were forced into a car at Aberdeen, Ohio, by three subjects wearing enlisted men's soldiers' uniforms. One of these soldiers later got out of this car as they passed through Manchester, Ohio, and when they stopped a short time later, Adalene Welle was able to escape the two soldiers and flee to a farm house. Victim Vivian Welle was thereafter transported to Mayeville, Kentucky, and Lexington, Kentucky, where she was finally released. During this trip, the victim was criminally assaulted two times, her clothes were torn, and she was roughly treated. The victim and her sister later positively identified Subjects Arthur and Clarence Parsons in a police lineup, and it was ascertained that Clarence Parsons deserted the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on April 8, 1942, and that Arthur Parsons was given a medical discharge from Fort McClellan, Alabama, on June 15, 1942.

Both of the subjects entered a plea of not guilty but were found guilty by a jury in the United States District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 29, 1942, on a charge of kidnaping, and were sentenced to seventy-five years each in the custody of the Attorney General. These subjects have also been identified as the individuals who raped two other girls at Woodlawn, Ohio, on the night of August 21, 1942. They also held up and robbed a filling station at this time on the same date, and on August 23, 1942, they held up another filling station at Sharonville, Ohio, taking \$180.50. They are also wanted in connection with numerous other local robberies in this vicinity.

There are attached descriptive data on each of these subjects, together with copies of their criminal records and photographs of Subjects Radney, Lewis, and Ricketts.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

Enclosure

Harry Ralph Dever, who escaped with four other Federal prisoners from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, is the most dangerous criminal being sought by the FBI today.

Dever is the only member still at liberty of a ruthless trio of thugs who robbed a bank in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became known as the Happy Hour Gang in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, where all three were captured after "Red" Dever had brutally shot a soldier in the head at the Happy Hour Cafe when he was treated for not being in uniform himself. Later, these three hoodlums broke out of jail at Cincinnati in company with two devoted kidnaper-rapists and terrorized various communities from Cincinnati, Ohio to Kansas City, Missouri, where Dever's two companions, William Isaac Madkey and Samuel Ricketts, were recaptured by FBI Agents and local police.

Dever was being held for prosecution in connection with armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942. A Federal complaint was filed against Dever and the 4 other individuals February 13, 1942 at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

April 20, 1943

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76-9296

MR. NICHOLS

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 61869, et al,  
BANK ROBBERY - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES  
THEFT ACT - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS -  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum prepared by Division VI regarding the above fugitive for possible use in connection with the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. There are also transmitted herewith photographs of this subject.

Very truly yours,

A. Rosen

Attachment



## MEMORANDUM

Bank robbery, jail break, kidnaping, auto theft, assault and desertion from the United States Army, all within the space of a few months, were included among the criminal exploits of Harry Ralph Bever, twenty-six year old gunman, who is called "Red" by his associates. This husky, red-haired desperado is being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on charges of bank robbery, escape and interstate transportation of stolen automobiles.

Bever is the only member still at liberty of a ruthless trio of thugs who robbed a bank in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became known as the Happy Hour Gang in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, where all three were captured after Red Bever had brutally shot a soldier in the head at the Happy Hour Cafe when he was taunted for not being in uniform himself. Later, these three hoodlums broke out of jail at Cincinnati in company with two demented kidnaper-rapists and terrorized various communities from Cincinnati, Ohio to Kansas City, Missouri, where Bever's two companions, William Isaac Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, were recaptured by FBI Agents and local police.

Bever has thus far eluded capture and a nationwide manhunt is being conducted by the FBI to bring about his early apprehension.

Red Bever enlisted in the U. S. Army at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on February 28, 1942, and was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas. He went A.W.O.L. on May 11, 1942, but reported back to Camp on May 24, 1942. He was court-martialed and given thirty days in the guardhouse.

After his release he was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, as a cook and on August 3, 1942, he again went A.W.O.L. He changed into civilian clothes and traveled to Miami, Florida where on August 9, 1942, he met William Isaac Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, whose address he had received by letter from one "Buddy" Odell, a member of a gang of robbers in New York.

About three weeks later these three headed for Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon their arrival there about September 1, 1942, they registered at a local hotel using fictitious names. About a week later they moved to an apartment and began to look around for a prospective holdup victim, preferably a bank.

Radkay stole a Plymouth automobile and stored it in a private garage. About October 1, 1942, Bever and Radkay burglarized a hardware store from which they stole an automatic shotgun and two double-barreled shotguns. At their apartment they sawed off the barrels and cut down the stocks of these guns.

Plans were laid to hold up the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, and on October 24, 1942, the three hoodlums "bused" this bank. On October 30, 1942, Bever and Radkay stole a Chevrolet automobile and on Saturday morning, October 31, 1942, Radkay went out and purchased a rifle. They packed their belongings at the apartment in readiness for a quick departure and about seven o'clock that night they drove in the stolen Chevrolet through a blinding rainstorm to the victim bank.

They masked their faces with handkerchiefs and entered the bank. Brandishing guns Bever and Radkay vaulted the partition into the bookkeeper's cage, Rickette standing guard at the door with a shotgun. Employees and customers were ordered to the floor by Bever while Radkay scooped the money from the cash drawers into his shirt. They hurried out of the bank and sped away abandoning the Chevrolet about a mile from the bank where they transferred to the stolen Plymouth. They returned to the apartment about 8:30 P.M. where they counted the loot amounting to \$6,374.00 and split it three ways.

About ten o'clock the same night they left Cincinnati in the stolen Plymouth driving to St. Louis, Missouri, and then to Leavenworth, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. Radkay and Rickette soon left Bever in Kansas City and after a couple of days Bever caught a train to Omaha, Nebraska, where he stopped briefly and then proceeded on to Minneapolis, Minnesota to join Radkay and Rickette again.

At about 10:30 P.M. on November 23, 1942, a U.S. Army Sergeant on leave entered the washroom of the Happy Hour Cafe, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was followed shortly by Bever who inadvertently dropped his gun on the floor. As he bent over to pick it up Bever remarked "I'm a tough guy" and added a threat to shoot the cafe proprietor daring anyone in the place to evict him. The Sergeant remarked that if Bever was so tough he should be in the Army. At that point Bever drew his gun from the holster and shot the Sergeant through the jaw. He warned the porter to keep quiet and walked back into the cafe telling his woman companion and a soldier who had been drinking with them that they were leaving.

These three took a taxicab to another bar where they had a drink and then proceeded to Bever's hotel room where Bever instructed the soldier to return to the cafe to determine the condition of the sergeant who had been shot. The soldier returned to the Happy Hour Cafe and reported to the police who had arrived to investigate the shooting. He furnished information as to the probable location of Bever, Radkay and Rickette, with all three of whom he had become quite friendly.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Police immediately proceeded to arrest these three, each of whom was staying at a different hotel. Bever and Rickette were arrested without difficulty but at the hotel

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where Radkay was located his woman companion engaged the arresting officers' attention momentarily while Radkay slipped out of his coat, made a break and jumped out of a second story window landing on the sidewalk below where he was taken into custody badly injured.

It was determined that all three prisoners were carrying fictitious Selective Service registration cards and were in possession of over \$1500.00 in cash. The questioning of these men and their three women companions by local police and FBI Agents led to a confession by Bever that he had shot the soldier at the cafe.

Information was also developed leading to the location of a Plymouth automobile which proved to have been stolen in Cincinnati, Ohio. A search of this car revealed a repeating rifle, three sawed-off shot-guns, a .38 calibre revolver and 17 license plates from five different states. A .32 calibre Colt automatic pistol was found in Bever's room; a similar automatic pistol was in the possession of Ricketts when he was arrested and Radkay had a luger pistol on his person and a .45 calibre Colt automatic in his room.

It was ascertained that all three had made a trip from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, and return in the stolen Plymouth automobile and a complaint was filed before a United States Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, by an FBI Agent charging all three with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in connection with this interstate transportation of the stolen car.

Photographs of the prisoners were forwarded to the FBI Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, and identifications were made by witnesses positively establishing Bever, Radkay and Ricketts as the armed robbers of the Avondale Branch Bank. They were then released by the Minnesota authorities to the custody of the Federal Government and were removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 15, 1942, to face bank robbery charges outstanding there against them. Complaints had been filed by FBI Agents before a United States Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 20, 1942, charging them with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute.

While incarcerated at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, Bever, Ricketts and Radkay became friendly with Clarence and Albert Parsons, brothers, who had been sentenced by the United States District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 23, 1942, to serve seventy-five years each for violation of the Federal Kidnapping Statute. At approximately 5:30 P.M. on February 12, 1943, these prisoners plugged up a drain and partially flooded their cell block. They called for a guard and demanded a mop which was furnished by a trusty who then called a Deputy Sheriff.

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The Deputy brought a mop bucket and opened the main cell gate which in turn unlocked individual cells occupied by Bever, Ricketts, Madkey and the Parsons brothers who immediately rushed the Deputy, overpowered him, removed his keys from his person and locked him in a cell. Three of the prisoners proceeded to another cell block where they overpowered another Deputy and then waited at the main cell gate until the turnkey opened the gate. He was attacked and beaten into unconsciousness.

They entered an office and forcibly placed the dispatcher in an isolation cell. A prison matron was also locked up and then all five prisoners took an elevator to the fourth floor of the county building where they forced an employee to direct them to the first floor. They struck him several times and jumped out of a window to a garage roof from which they dropped to the ground.

They ran to the nearest intersection and dragged a van and his wife out of their car and drove away in it. The car owner immediately notified the police. This car was soon abandoned and another was stolen. The latter was seen in Eden Park and pursued by a police officer who fired at the fleeing prisoners but they eluded him and then wrecked the car and abandoned it escaping on foot. A police blockade around the park proved fruitless.

Complaints were promptly filed on February 12, 1943, by FBI Agents charging Bever and the others with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

Bever, Madkey and Ricketts separated from the Parsons brothers shortly after the prison break. On the night of February 16, 1943, a Cincinnati doctor left the Bethesda Hospital and went to a nearby parking lot for his car. A man, later identified as Madkey, approached the car stating, "We want to see you, Doc." As the doctor opened the car door Bever appeared and pushed his way into the front seat. The doctor blew the car horn but when the bandits threatened to cut his throat he obeyed Bever's instructions to get into the rear of the car with Ricketts. Bever then took \$60.00 in currency from the doctor's billfold along with his A and C ration books and the doctor was forced to lie on the car floor while the car was driven through town.

When they stopped they ordered the doctor to accompany them into a house and took him to the basement where they robbed him of another \$30.00 and forced him to lie on the floor while Bever bound him with wire. They left shortly thereafter and the doctor was soon able to free his hands. He dragged himself up the basement steps where he secured a stick of wood which enabled him to hobble across the street where neighbors called the police.

On February 17, 1943, officers of the Cincinnati Police Department arrested Clarence and Albert Parsons in an abandoned house in the outskirts of Cincinnati in the company of two minor girls.

On February 18, 1943, the kidnaped doctor's wife and the Cincinnati Police Department received anonymous notes postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, advising that the doctor could be found tied up in the basement of a vacant house. Diagrams were set out to aid in locating the place.

The three thugs had driven to Louisville, Kentucky, in the Chrysler automobile stolen from the doctor. After a couple of weeks they headed toward Kansas City, Missouri, in a Pontiac they had stolen at Louisville. Exhaustive investigation by the FBI and local officers resulted in definite information that Ricketts and Weaver and probably Radkay were in the Kansas City area. Information was developed that they might appear at a certain address in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 26, 1943.

The fugitives appeared but they eluded capture when they drove their car over the curb and down the sidewalk amid gunfire from riot guns, rifles and revolvers. They collided with a police car, crashed into a brick wall and finally escaped on foot after wrecking the car against a tree. This car proved to be the Pontiac they had stolen in St. Louis, Missouri, and numerous articles belonging to the previously kidnaped Cincinnati doctor were recovered from it.

The subjects succeeded in making their getaway by stealing another automobile but the police and Agents of the FBI continued to close in and on March 1, 1943, two alert FBI Agents recognized fugitive Radkay on a Kansas City street and promptly took him into custody. Immediate investigation resulted in locating the hotel where Radkay and his two companions had been hiding out but the latter had again made a getaway.

Inquiry continued throughout the night and at dawn on March 2, 1943, officers of the Kansas City Police Department accompanied FBI Agents on a raid of an apartment building at which time fugitive Ricketts was arrested when found hiding in the basement of this building.

On March 4, 1943, Radkay and Ricketts were returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, and on March 19, 1943, were sentenced in United States District Court to twenty years each for violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute and five years each for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, these sentences to run concurrently.

The indictment with respect to Bever on these same charges remains outstanding. An intensive nation-wide search is being conducted by the FBI and local law enforcement agencies to bring about the early apprehension of Bever as the fifth and last member of the escaped gang.

It has been reported that Bever becomes irrational when under the influence of liquor. In addition to the shooting of the soldier at Minneapolis, Minnesota, it has been ascertained that while Bever was A.W.O.L. from the U.S. Army in May, 1942, he approached a patron in a bar in Kansas City, Missouri, and without provocation assaulted him, slugging him from behind. This victim was carried away in an unconscious state never having seen his attacker but witnesses identified the assailant as Bever.

A description of this fugitive follows:

Name and aliases: Harry Ralph Bever, with aliases:  
Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever,  
Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry  
James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red"

FBI NUMBER: 2,413,512

DESCRIPTION:

Age, 26 years, born September 13, 1916, Will Grove,  
Missouri  
Height, 5 feet, 9 3/8 inches  
Weight, 175 pounds  
Eyes, gray-green  
Hair, red, wavy  
Complexion, ruddy  
Build, medium stocky  
Race, white  
Nationality, American  
Education, 2 years high school  
Occupations, cook, laborer, bell hop, porter  
Scars and marks, tattoo, double heart and letters "RED"  
right arm, 4 small scars right wrist, vaccination  
left arm, 1/2 inch scar right upper lip, scar left side  
neck and lobe left ear  
Peculiarities, bushy red eyebrows, 1 gold crowned tooth  
upper right, teeth in poor condition, occasionally wears  
rimless glasses, DANGEROUS

RELATIVES

Oma Bever, father  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. Blanche Mae Green Bever, mother  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dixie Dean Carrot, divorced wife  
3029 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

Thomas Eugene Bever, brother  
3424 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

**CRIMINAL RECORD:**

As Harry Ralph Bever, #37095, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 29, 1941; charge, investigation; disposition, released, March 31, 1941.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #7194, arrested Police Department, Ontario, California, August 17, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California.

As Harry R. Bever, #48886, arrested Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California, August 19, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon, disposition, 75 days.

As Ralph Harry Bever, #37095, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, February 8, 1942; charge investigation; disposition, released February 9, 1942.

As Ralph Bever, #13096, arrested Police Department, Terre Haute, Indiana, September 23, 1942; charge, U.S. Army deserter; disposition, released to U.S. Army, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

As Larry Dugan, #34865, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #35117, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, robbery; disposition, released to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #5442, arrested U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #---, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged county jail, escaped February 12, 1943.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as Harry Ralph Bever with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile

\*Represents notation unsupported by fingerprints.



in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

An indictment in two counts was returned by a Federal grand jury at Cincinnati, Ohio, at the February, 1943, term charging subject Harry Ralph Bever and others with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that they unlawfully transported a stolen automobile from Cincinnati, Ohio, through the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, and thence to Minneapolis, Minnesota, knowing same to have been stolen and also charging subject Harry Ralph Bever and others with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in that they did on or about October 31, 1942, unlawfully rob the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging subject as Harry Ralph Bever with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

About 11:30 p. m. on the evening of November 25, 1942,  
Sergeant Harold Bartholmen who was on leave from his ~~United~~  
~~States~~ Army Post, was in the men's room of the Happy Hour Cafe,  
in Minneapolis. A negro porter was also there when an individual  
dressed in civilian clothes entered. As the negro porter was  
brushing this civilian's coat a gun fell on the floor. The  
civilian, picking it up, ~~was a tough guy and was going to shoot the men~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~was a tough guy and was going to shoot the men~~ <sup>outside.</sup>  
He ~~was~~ dared anyone to "bounce him out of the joint." ~~He~~ <sup>said</sup>  
~~Sergeant~~ replied, "If you are so ---- tough, why ~~don't~~ <sup>don't</sup> you join  
the Army." ~~He~~ <sup>answered</sup> the civilian drew out his gun and shot at  
~~him~~ <sup>him</sup>, the bullet entering his lower jaw. ~~The civilian~~ <sup>and</sup>  
immediately left telling the negro porter to keep quiet ~~if he~~ <sup>wanted to live</sup>  
~~nothing would happen to him.~~ As the critically injured soldier  
laid there he had fallen the negro porter stutteringly tried to  
advise the ~~manager~~ <sup>what</sup> happened. He failed to mention  
that the soldier had been shot. The arrival of the Minneapolis  
police developed this ~~man~~ <sup>fact</sup>. A search of the phone  
revealed that a Sergeant Arnold Christensen, also of the United  
States Army, ~~then on leave~~, was acquainted with the individual  
who had shot the soldier. ~~Christensen~~ <sup>Christensen</sup> ~~reported to the police~~  
~~had been sitting at the table with this individual and~~ <sup>that</sup>  
that this individual returned from the men's room pale as paper  
and said, "Come on, get your hats and coats and let's get out of  
here." ~~Christensen~~ <sup>Christensen</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>the three of them</sup> left  
~~at the time there was a well at the table and~~

~~the case~~ and proceeded to ~~the~~ <sup>another</sup> where they had a drink. ~~that~~ <sup>having there</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> civilian instructed him to return to the cafe and find out how badly hurt the soldier was.

Armed with this information the Minneapolis police in cooperation with the St. Paul Police immediately picked up this civilian <sup>- Harry Paul Bauer, D</sup> ~~himself~~ a deserter from the United States Army, ~~who was identified as the Harry Ralph Bauer.~~ They also picked up the ~~accomplices~~ who were identified as ~~John Hickett's~~ <sup>John Hickett's</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>St. Paul</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~latter~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~attempted~~ <sup>attempted</sup> to escape by jumping out the second floor of a hotel window. He landed on the pavement ~~and broke his neck.~~ <sup>and broke his neck.</sup>

Inasmuch as this incident involved Army personnel as well as the fact that these men had in their possession selective service registration cards <sup>which</sup> ~~obviously~~ <sup>obviously</sup> ~~had~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~altered~~ <sup>altered</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>reported the</sup> ~~St. Paul police~~ <sup>reported the</sup> ~~in connection with~~ <sup>in connection with</sup> ~~our affair there~~ <sup>our affair there</sup>

Agents in collaboration with the St. Paul Police and Minneapolis Police immediately commenced an intensive investigation. Bauer who had been using the name of Larry Tappan admitted that he had been a deserter from the United States Army. ~~Latter~~ <sup>Latter</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~using~~ <sup>using</sup> the name of Thomas Roberts, admitted that he was wanted by the New York Police for various robberies in the vicinity of Niagara Falls and Buffalo. ~~Walton~~ <sup>Walton</sup> ~~who~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~using~~ <sup>using</sup> the name of ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Robert~~ <sup>Robert</sup> admitted that he had been in Kansas City for jumping a ten thousand dollar bond in connection with a robbery charge.

Further investigation revealed the possibility that these men were responsible for the armed robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio. This bank was robbed about 8:10 p. m. on Saturday, October 31, 1942, during a blinding rain storm. <sup>in the course of putting hands in the air</sup> At that time three men entered the bank, <sup>the four as masks</sup> There were four employees of the bank working and about ten customers. ~~press~~ One man was armed with a double barreled shot gun, <sup>small well known</sup> ~~caliber pistol~~ observed by several to be of the ~~Longer~~ type. As they entered the bank they ~~were~~ placed masks over their faces, masks were ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~hanging~~ <sup>hanging</sup> ~~on the~~ <sup>on the</sup> ~~back~~ <sup>back</sup> ~~of the~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~men~~ <sup>men</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~corners~~ <sup>corners</sup>. <sup>Two</sup> ~~Three~~ of the men vaulted <sup>the partitions,</sup> ~~over the~~ <sup>over the</sup> ~~counter~~ <sup>counter</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~2nd~~ <sup>2nd</sup> ~~guard~~ <sup>guard</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~door~~ <sup>door</sup>. ~~Those~~ <sup>Those</sup> of the customers who had observed them up to this point and those who observed the noise <sup>as the men</sup> ~~landed~~ <sup>landed</sup> ~~on the~~ <sup>on the</sup> ~~floor~~ <sup>floor</sup> ~~thought~~ <sup>thought</sup> a ~~Employee~~ <sup>Employee</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~course~~ <sup>course</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> ~~stayed~~ <sup>stayed</sup>. However, when they heard the threat of one man - "It's a hold up, get down on the floor" - they realized the bank was being robbed. <sup>On</sup> ~~Within~~ <sup>Within</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~few~~ <sup>few</sup> ~~minutes~~ <sup>minutes</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~money~~ <sup>money</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~stolen~~ <sup>stolen</sup>. <sup>the</sup> ~~At~~ <sup>At</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~door~~ <sup>door</sup> ~~these~~ <sup>these</sup> ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~associates~~ <sup>associates</sup> ~~ripped~~ <sup>ripped</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~money~~ <sup>money</sup> ~~drawers~~ <sup>drawers</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~bank~~ <sup>bank</sup>. In the course thereof one repeatedly kept shouting instructions to the people present telling them to get down on the floor and not to look at him, that he did not want to be identified and if they did not obey his orders he would kill them. According to <sup>11:30 p. m.</sup> ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> ~~\$63,000~~ <sup>\$63,000</sup> they left the bank with instructions that the people should ~~keep their~~ <sup>keep their</sup> ~~mouths~~ <sup>mouths</sup> ~~shut~~ <sup>shut</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~five~~ <sup>five</sup> ~~minutes~~ <sup>minutes</sup>. They jumped into a car parked in front of the bank and immediately ~~left the scene~~ <sup>left the scene</sup>. As they fled they were observed <sup>sped away.</sup> 3

crossing water to the street. Apparently they did this to  
distract the attention of the ~~public~~ <sup>passing public</sup> ~~from the money~~ <sup>from the money</sup>  
rather than to themselves. ~~and the direction they were taking~~  
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On the following day the ~~car~~ <sup>car</sup> ~~was found~~ <sup>was found</sup> about a mile from the ~~location of the bank~~ <sup>location of the bank</sup>. It was  
a 1941 green Chevrolet sedan bearing Ohio license plates. However,  
the front plate differed from the rear and it was ascertained  
that both plates had been stolen from cars in Cincinnati. The  
owner of the license plates was not aware of the fact the  
had been stolen until notified by the ~~police~~ <sup>police</sup>.

It was determined that the Chevrolet sedan had been stolen ~~in~~  
~~Cincinnati~~ <sup>the night before the robbery</sup> in Cincinnati.

Photographs of ~~the car~~ <sup>Benn, Rickert & Rickert</sup>  
were exhibited to the witnesses in Cincinnati and they were  
readily identified ~~as the robbers~~ <sup>as the robbers</sup>.  
~~Further investigation revealed that these~~  
~~cars had arrived in Cincinnati during the latter part of August.~~

Battay and Rickert stayed at the Kemper Lane Hotel. Battay  
using the name of Battay and Rickert and the name of Tom Leaten.  
He occupied the same room as Rickert but did not register.

~~A week later~~ <sup>later</sup> ~~they returned to Cincinnati and they~~  
~~started looking around for a "break off."~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~they~~  
~~arrived in the nearby vicinity of the bank~~ <sup>they</sup>  
1941 Plymouth sedan within two blocks of their apartment ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~they~~  
~~located the car~~ <sup>located the car</sup>. Incidentally, this car was  
recovered in their possession in Cincinnati shortly after their  
arrest. About the first of October they broke into a hardware  
store from which they stole an automatic revolver and two double

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arrived north where he took a train to Omaha and stayed at the

Parson Hotel under the name of Fred Matthews. From this point he went to Minneapolis where he registered at the Nicollet Hotel and then transferred to the King Cole Hotel where he moved in <sup>Rickette?</sup> with ~~Ratky~~ <sup>Ratky</sup> who was living there under the name of George Aoren.

In Minneapolis Aoren visited the Happy Hour Cafe where he made the acquaintance of Ann Marie Keller and her sister-in-law, Marie Keller. They had been there to meet a Mr. [unclear]. The following day he visited these two women at their home and took Marie's four children to the local corner store where he bought them ice cream, candy and so forth. This was about November 14, 1948, and he was known to them as Larry Egan. On the following day, he introduced Ann Keller to his two associates as Mr. Reuter and George Knight.

Ann became quite friendly with the group and on November 18, 1948, she helped them pack their ~~baggage~~ <sup>baggage</sup> for a trip ~~they were going to take in the morning, on November 19, 1948~~ <sup>the next morning, on November 19, 1948</sup>. Aoren called her from Leavenworth, Kansas, and said he would be gone for several days. A few days later he wired her ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> on November 21, 1948, the ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> were back in Minneapolis and at the King Cole Hotel. On this evening, Aoren came out in the course of his company with Ann. On the following evening while they were at the Happy Hour Cafe a pin fell out of Ratky's pocket. He picked it up and put it in Ann Keller's purse and then Aoren removed the same and put it back in Ratky's coat.

During the course of their stay in Minneapolis Ratky dated one Esther Anderson, a waitress at the Happy Hour Cafe and

she found him ~~she~~ and his friends to be gentlemen who spent their money freely, and ~~very~~ generous in their time. On the occasion of their trip from Minneapolis Rathay sent her a telegram from Leavenworth, Kansas, on November 17, 1935, telling her that he was constantly thinking of her. On November 19 she received a letter from him on the stationery of the Hotel Mayfair in St. Louis, Missouri, in which he told her of the trip they had from Missouri and of how they went places but he was faithful to her. He mentioned "When I travel, hon, I travel fast and move about quickly."

Further investigation revealed that Sicketts rented the apartment in Cincinnati under the name of Roberts. This was the apartment at 338 Lakeside Street and was occupied by Sicketts, ~~and a woman~~ <sup>described as</sup> a picky ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~as well as~~ apparently ~~the~~ <sup>apartment they</sup> the other two subjects. In the course ~~of~~ renting the ~~apartment~~ <sup>apartment they</sup> Sicketts was employed by the Tri-State Aero-nautic Corporation and working on the night shift, thus accounting for the fact that they were out all night and slept all day. The day before the bank robbery this woman ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> as Mrs. Roberts advised the landlord they were leaving the following day.

The investigation also indicated that prior to renting this apartment a Mr. and Mrs. Roberts stayed from August 22 to August 24 at the Landon Lane Hotel in Cincinnati and gave their address as 16 Flayler Street, Miami.

~~During the course of the subject's stay in Cincinnati~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~Robert and Rathay kept company with George Anne and Gertrude~~

*Sought the friendship of*



Feuer ~~who was~~ using the name, Larry Luggan, claimed to have a former boxer thus accounting for the ~~three~~ gold caps on his upper front teeth. Rathap ~~who was~~ using the name of Sam Nelson posed as an employee of the Turner Brothers Palm Springs in Florida.

A check investigation reveals that Ricketts and Rutkay had the habit of acquainting themselves with members of various orchestras in the cafes where they frequented. In Minneapolis Ricketts sought the acquaintance of Marvin Lively of the Carlos Molinas Orchestra which was playing at the Happy Hour Cafe at the time. Ricketts in introducing himself suggested to Lively that he had seen him in Omaha or ~~Cincinnati~~ <sup>St. Louis</sup> ~~either at the Happy Hour~~ <sup>in St. Louis</sup> in Omaha or the Southern Hungarian in Kansas City. Ricketts also mentioned several places that he might have seen Lively in Miami. Rutkay explained to Lively that his father was a contractor in national defense work, and explaining how he had made money on his career and in Minneapolis. On the occasion of the subject's making a trip from Minneapolis Lively sent a telegram from Leavenworth saying "Hope he did not leave and contacted him as follows: come over night. See you on the second." These were returned and Lively arranged for Ricketts to obtain a room at the Barbary Hotel, on the night of November 1, 1936. Meyer was under the influence of liquor at the Happy Hour Cafe and wanted Lively to go out with him and "shoot three ciggers."

As Lively tried to take him to his room Seaver attempted to break a plate glass window they were passing. Lively attempted to restrain Seaver upon which Seaver pulled out an automatic. After considerable talking Seaver seemed to snap out of it and Lively took him to his room.

As a result of the investigation at Minneapolis a garage was located wherein the subjects had ~~stolen~~ the Plymouth used to take the three subjects. This car was stolen in St. Louis, Missouri, Cincinnati. In it there was found a golf bag containing numerous firearms. In the persons of these three men there were found firearms and considerable monies.

There was also found in the car ten different license plates covering the states of Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, ~~all~~ indicating the extensive travel by these men. ~~These plates were also stolen.~~

These are being listed as follows:

*Should further listing be made for the  
rough draft of report.*

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In connection with the money recovered in the possession of these individuals it is pointed out that in the possession of Galtin there was found \$250.44, in the possession of Sever there was found \$165.66 and on the person of Dicketta was found \$148. In a traveling bag in Room 414 the King Cole Hotel room was \$1105.00 secreted.

Prosecution was immediately instituted at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the abduction of these men for extradition to the FBI in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of this Albrecht sedan from Cincinnati, Ohio to St. Paul, Minnesota.

A complaint had also been filed in Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with the robbery of the Second National Bank, as Avenue Branch. It is pointed out that this bank is operated under the National Bank Charter and is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It is this national character which gave the FBI jurisdiction.

A hearing was held in St. Paul, Minnesota on process served as a result of the Cincinnati case and these three men were taken to a Federal Detention Center, subsequently they waived the right to be returned to Cincinnati for trial. It is the contention of the Bureau of the FBI is to emphasize that the Agents of the FBI had they had repeatedly mentioned that they would accept the opportunity presented itself. They were taken to Cincinnati where they were confined to the Miller County Jail in connection with the abduction.





## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

This Case Originated at CI CINCINNATI, OHIO

File No. 76-756

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| Report Made At | Date When Made | Period For Which Made | Report Made By |
| Dallas, Texas  | 10/14/49       | 9/13-16-19-20-25/49   | LOYCE E. ALLEN |

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases: Harry Ralph  
Beaver, Ralph Bever, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan,  
Larry James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red",  
Leonard Jack Edwards, Jack Edwards;  
Avondale Branch, Second National Bank,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-31-42;  
L. RANCE WILLIAMS - VICTIM

### Character

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
BANK ROBBERY;  
MURDER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

State Authorities at Amarillo, Texas, were requested by Military Authorities to give their custody of Subject, and U. S. Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas, directed State Authorities at Amarillo to disregard detainer filed at Amarillo with Sheriff in connection with the Federal offense. BEVIN was removed by Military Authorities to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, September 16, 1943, to be tried there on charge of desertion and murder while a deserter. Military Authorities state they are not contemplating prosecution of Subject in Military Court for the offenses involved in this file. "

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Report of Special Agent LOYD E. WILKINSON, dated at Dallas, Texas, August 19, 1943.

Approved and  
forw.  Special Agent  
in Charge

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RE: DALLAS #76-796;  
SA LOYAL E. KINGMAN

DETAILS:

AT MARILLO AND DALLAS, TEXAS:

The reporting agent was advised by Sheriff T. M. DAVIS and District Attorney JAMES LIMPKEIN, Marillo, Texas, that the Military Authorities of the Eighth Service Command, Judge Advocate's Department, Dallas, Texas, were demanding custody of the Subject in connection with his desertion from the U. S. Army, and that the Military Authorities could apparently take custody of the Subject. Sheriff DAVIS stated that he had contacted the United States Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been informed by Assistant United States Attorney JAMES H. MARTIN that the detainers which had been filed with the Sheriff for BEVER relative to the Federal offenses pending against him could be withdrawn, and as far as the office of the United States Attorney at Fort Worth was concerned BEVER could be released to Military Authorities. Sheriff DAVIS further reported that he had received a court order from the State District Judge who had jurisdiction over the murder case pending against Subject to release him to Military Authorities.

JAMES LIMPKEIN, District Attorney, stated that, apparently under war-time statutes and rules, the Military Authorities had a right to demand custody of Subject for trial in military court, since he was a deserter at the time he was alleged to have committed the murder in Marillo, Texas. Mr. LIMPKEIN stated he was not going to oppose the Military Authorities in taking custody of Subject, since he believed that the Military Authorities might be able to secure much more severe punishment of Subject in a court martial than he could obtain in a prosecution in State Court, since it is notoriously difficult to obtain a death sentence for murder in the courts of Potter County, Texas; and further, that he would be hampered in prosecution of this case because of the fact that he would have to depend largely upon the testimony of an accomplice.

BEVER was surrendered to Military Authorities on September 16, 1943, and was immediately taken to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for confinement, where he was confined at the Military Post.

Captain BUCHER, representing the Judge Advocate's Department, Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas, called at the Dallas Field Office and stated that it was the intention of the Military Authorities to try BEVER only for the murder of C. C. GORD and for desertion.

A teletype message was furnished to the Bureau and the Cincinnati Office and the Kansas City Office, advising them in the premises.

A report was received from the Bureau covering the examination of the registration card found in the possession of BEVER, bearing

RE: TALLS #76-756;  
SA LOY E. R. KINGMAN

the name of "LEONARD J. CARROLL". This report states it was impossible to decipher the original writing on the card, as it had been removed by ink eradicator and the fibre of the paper had been considerably disturbed.

The writer was contacted by Major FULLER and Lieutenant MERCUS MELLER of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, who were sent to Amarillo, Texas, to investigate the murder case for the Military Authorities, and they stated that they were desirous of obtaining all possible data concerning Subject's desertion. They were informed that the original registration card found in BAKER's possession was presently in the files of the FBI Laboratory and that the Bureau had been unable to decipher the original writing, but the card itself bore evidence of having been changed and some original writing had been removed by ink eradicator. They indicated that it would be their purpose to obtain this original registration card from the Bureau for use in the trial of the case at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Sheriff MOORE and Chief of Police A. S. H. PERK of Amarillo, Texas, informed the writer that Major FULLER and Lieutenant MELLER had made a complete investigation of the murder case and had secured all possible data from their files which would be of assistance in the case at Fort Sill.

Since there is apparently no further investigation to be made in the Dallas Division, this case is being

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RE: DALLAS 776-736  
SA LOUIS E. ALBORN

UNREVEALED LEADS:

\* THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

\* At Phoenix, Arizona, will cause investigation at 632 East Van Duren Street, and at all Royal Courts on 17th Avenue between Van Duren and Monroe Streets, and with officials of Lathrop and Hogue Construction Company, in order to check all Subject's movements and activities at Phoenix.

\* Will follow whatever other leads might suggest themselves from this report or from the investigation developed at Phoenix, in order to determine whether Subject was harbored by anyone at Phoenix, whether he committed any Federal crimes there, or whether he communicated from Phoenix to any of his former associates.

\* THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri, will consult the U. S. Attorney relative to taking steps to detain Subject BAKER with Military Authorities at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in order that he might later be prosecuted in Federal Court at Kansas City if the U. S. Attorney so desired.

\* THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Cincinnati, Ohio, will consult the U. S. Attorney relative to taking steps to detain Subject with the Military Authorities at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the event it is desired that he be prosecuted in Federal Court in connection with the instant bank robbery and Federal Escape Act violations.

\* THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, will maintain close contact with the Military Authorities of the Judge Advocate's Department relative to the disposition made of Subject in Military trial for the offenses of desertion and murder.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO **76-436**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>9/16/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/7, 9/9/43</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. HOWARD PHILLIPS</b>  |
| HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,<br>I.O. #1662; Avondale Branch, 2nd National Bank,<br>Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42; LAWRENCE WILLIAM<br>KING, Victim.  |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;<br>BANK ROBBERY; KIDNAPING |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHRISTINE STOREY, waitress, Americus, Georgia,<br>advises she does not know subject by name or any<br>of his aliases.  |                                  |  |  |
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| REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent LESLIE A. HAUOM dated 6/22/43<br>at Atlanta, Georgia.  |                                  |  |  |
| DETAILS: <u>AT AMERICUS, GEORGIA</u><br>CHRISTINE STOREY, waitress at the New York Cafe, advised<br>that she did not know the subject by his name or any of his aliases. She<br>explained that she had known numerous soldiers from Fort Benning, Georgia,<br>and surrounding military bases, but that she did not remember knowing one<br>by subject's name or any of his aliases. She advised it was possible that<br>she might have known him by a different name from any of those mentioned by<br>the agent. |                                  |  |  |
| Mr. JACK McARTHUR, Deputy Sheriff, and Mr. J. N. WORTHY, Chief of<br>Police, advised that they did not know the subject by his name or any of<br>his aliases, and that they had no record concerning subject in their files.  |                                  |  |  |
| REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN  |                                  |  |  |
| RECORDING   |                                  |  |  |
| APPROVED AND<br>FORWARDED: <i>J.R. [Signature]</i><br>Copy to Division of Records.  | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE       | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">4 SEP 13 1943</div> |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 Bureau<br>3 Cincinnati (1 USA Cincinnati)<br>3 Kansas City (1 USA Kansas City)<br>3 Dallas (1 USA Dallas)<br>2 Atlanta   |                                  | RECORDED<br>INDEXED<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">794</div>                    |  |

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-581**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8/29/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/29, 22, 23/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>HERMAN F. WEBER (A)</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE<br/>I. O. #1869, ETAL</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

THURSTON W. WILSON, rigger, Fort Mason, California reported seeing HARRY RALPH BEVER in smoking area adjoining Deck 1, Fort Mason, California sometime during week ending July 17, 1943. Investigation negative and discontinued upon advice subject located at Amarillo, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau File No. 76-9296.

**DETAILS:** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On July 19, 1943 Confidential Informant   advised this office that one THURSTON W. WILSON reported seeing HARRY RALPH BEVER at Fort Mason, California.

Mr. THURSTON W. WILSON was contacted by writer at his home, 1319 - 11th Avenue, and he advised that he is a rigger at Fort Mason, California and that sometime during the week ending July 17, 1943 he believes he saw HARRY RALPH BEVER in the smoking area adjoining Deck 1 at Fort Mason, California. He stated this man, whom he believed to be BEVER, had a double heart on his right forearm through which ran the lettering "Red." He further advised that at the conclusion of the "Gang Busters" program just recently they gave subject's description and that this description fit with the man whom he saw in the smoking area adjoining Deck 1. He stated he saw this man between 10:00 and 10:30 AM and that it was his opinion that he was a pipe-fitter's helper.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>H. F. Weber</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">76-9296-164</div> |
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Mr. WILSON was shown a group of pictures including that of BEVER and he immediately picked out BEVER's picture as being the one which represented the person he saw at Fort Mason, California.

Writer contacted Captain I. CANTWORTH, C-2, Fort Mason, California, and he advised that all workers at the Fort were fingerprinted, that access could be secured to the Fort on a one day pass without being fingerprinted and that occasionally men sign up for Army Transport Service and are shipped out of this country before their fingerprints have cleared.

W. C. JONES, Chief of the Fort Mason Guard Service, was given a picture of BEVER and instructed to display it to the guards at the change of shifts.

The following people at Fort Mason, California were contacted and a picture of BEVER displayed to them with negative results:

Mr. W. S. MORRISON, Superintendent of the Marine Repair Shop;  
HARRY MULLER, Foreman, Marine Repair Shop;  
Mr. MERY AMARCAST, Foreman of the Marine Repair Shop;  
Mr. JERRY SILVA, Foreman, Dock #3;  
Lt. PERRY EDWARDS, in charge of loading snipe at Fort Mason;  
Mrs. A. HUNCE, Secretary in charge of employment at Marine Repair Shop;  
W. A. BUSH, Timekeeper, Pier 2;  
Captain MERRILL, in charge of the rigging loft;  
Major SAWYER, in charge of Pier 2;  
Captain BERRY, in charge of movement of ships;  
Mr. KAMANKIT, in charge of hiring seamen;  
J. E. FLANNERY, Port Steward's Office;  
THEODORE NOELDOFF, Identification Division;  
RUTH ABRAMSON, in charge of issuing one day passes;  
Private THOMAS E. DUNN, Army Transport Service personnel;  
JOE DELPERTE, Foreman, Rigging Loft.

Writer, in working clothes, observed the change of shifts on July 19, 1943 with negative results.

Mr. T. F. NOELDOFF, in charge of the Identification Division, Building #35, Ft. Mason, California, advised that all records are filed alphabetically according to name and the index was searched against subject's name and all of his known aliases with negative results. In addition the pictures of all pipefitter's helpers, mechanics' helpers, machinists, machinists' helpers, joiners, sheet metal workers, electricians, shore personnel, seamen, sailors, wipers and dockhands were reviewed by writer with negative results.

On July 23, 1943 investigation was discontinued upon receipt of a teletype from the Bureau that subject had been located in Amarillo, Texas.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 76-964

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>9-8-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>8-16-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JOHN A. REITER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MCX</b></span>                     |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH REITER, was, I.O. 1269, Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-31-42; LATERAL WILLIAM KING, -VICTIM.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FUGITIVE PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>BANK ROBBERY, KIDNAPING.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Bank employees and other witnesses unable to identify photographs of KAY RICHETTO as ever having been in instant bank. Mr. and Mrs. PETER RIMM, former janitors, Rockdale Apartments, identified photo of KAY RICHETTO as the woman residing with subjects while living in Apartment 26 of that building from August 31 to October 31, 1942.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent HARRY E. ADKINS, Kansas City, dated 8-3-43.  
Letter from Kansas City dated July 21, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Upon receipt of photographs from the Technical Laboratory which had been taken of Mrs. KAY RICHETTO by the Kansas City Police Division, the writer contacted all the witnesses which were victimized by the subjects in this case during the robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942, and at this time they were unable to effect any identification of KAY RICHETTO as ever having been in instant bank.

Employees of the Kemper Lane Hotel, Cincinnati, likewise were unable to make any identification.

Mr. and Mrs. PETER RIMM, now residing at 1875 Monroe

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>[Signature]</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                 | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">76-964-162</div> | RECORDED & INDEXED<br><div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">1745</div> |
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Street, Cincinnati, when exhibited the photographs of KAY RICKETTS, advised that she was a woman they had seen residing with the subjects in apartment #26 of the Rockdale Apartments, 538 Rockdale Avenue, Cincinnati, between August 31 and October 31, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. INNES were unable to give any further information as to the activities of KAY RICKETTS other than that she had appeared there with subject RICKETTS under the name of ROBERTS in renting the apartment, at which time she represented Subject BEYER as her brother.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will follow your report prosecutive action taken against subject LEVER.

The Kansas City Field Division is receiving copies of this report in that a lead was set out in the report of Special Agent ELMER H. JENKINS, Kansas City, dated 8-3-43, requesting the investigation which is set out in this report in that it was believed that same might assist in locating subject LEVER.





ELC:mmh  
Dictated 8-27-43

76-9296

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

August 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER

On August 26, 1943, while on duty in your office, Sergeant Robert Dodge, a guard in the Department of Justice Building, called at the office and advised he had recently seen a brother of Bever whose picture appeared on the back of the May-June Law Enforcement Bulletin and wanted by the FBI.

Dodge stated that the brother of Bever, whose first name he did not know, was living in a flop house on Ninth Street between D and E. Dodge stated that the brother of Bever formerly worked as an elevator operator in the Justice Building on the 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift and that he could locate Bever in the event an agent of the Bureau desired to talk to him.

Supervisor J. A. Bernard on the Fugitive Desk advised that Harry Ralph Bever was apprehended at Dallas, Texas on July 22, 1943, and therefore no action need be taken in regard to his brother.

Respectfully,

E. L. Clanahan

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

Lab. File No. 76-432

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Louisville, Kentucky</b>               | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8/27/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>8/11, 12, 18/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GEORGE L. STRAIN</b> GLS:km                            |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH DEVER, was - FUG. ETAL, 10/1869</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. RAYMOND J. RUSSELL, advised ownership papers of 1937 Pontiac Coupe Mtr. No. 893142 stolen 2/23/43 were turned over to JOHN HARRISON, INC. & ADJUSTMENT CO. This Company advised if papers needed can be obtained from Safe Guard Insurance Co. New York City. USA, Western District of Ky. declines prosecution of subjects for theft of automobile.

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**REFERENCE**

Report of SA CECIL M. MILLER, SA, Louisville, Kentucky, dated 4/26/43.

**DETAILS**

Mrs. RAYMOND J. RUSSELL, 737 Thirty Second Street, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that she and her husband had been the owners of the 1937 Pontiac Coupe, Motor No. 893142, which was stolen from the Andriot Garage, 309 East Oak Street, Louisville on February 23, 1943. She stated that they carried theft insurance with the Safe Guard Insurance Company of New York and that when advised of the loss of the automobile they immediately reported it to the Insurance Company. Mrs. RUSSELL stated that they were contacted by a representative of the JOHN HARRISON ADJUSTMENT COMPANY and they turned over all ownership papers to that representative. Subsequent to that time, they had received compensation for the automobile. The enrollment agreement for Diesel Engineering Course executed by her husband was returned to her at this time.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED

*HK Moss*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Miss MARGARET BRITT, Secretary of the JOHN HARRISON, INC. advised that all of the ownership papers for instant automobile were forwarded to the main office of the Safe Guard Insurance Company, located at 108 John Street, in New York City and if needed for prosecution purposes they could be secured from that company.

Assistant United States Attorney, J. D. IMMAN, advised that he would decline prosecution of the subjects for the theft of instant automobile in view of the more serious charges with which they were confronted in Ohio.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At CINCINNATI, OHIO

File No. 76-756

| Report Made At | Date When Made | Period For Which Made              | Report Made By   |
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| Dallas, Texas  | 8-19-43        | 7-23, 24, 25, 26; 8-4, 5, 9, 12-43 | LOYDE E. KINCKAN |

## TITLE

## CHARACTER OF CASE

CHANGED: HARRY RALPH BEVER was, Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red", Leonard Jack Edwards, Jack Edwards, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869; Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-12-42; LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
PAID ROBBERY; KIDNAPING

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY RALPH BEVER was apprehended at Amarillo, Texas, by Police Officers on July 23, 1943, in connection with murder of CLINT C. WOOD, proprietor of Lamar Cafe at Amarillo, who was killed about 12:30 A.M. July 22, 1943, in the back yard of his home in a robbery attempt. WOOD was shot with a 22 caliber weapon. Local officers at Amarillo have a strong case against BEVER and he was indicted for murder on August 11, 1943, and will be given an early trial. He admitted his identity as the person charged in all of the pending Federal charges against him. He refused to make any statements relative to the details of any of these offenses but flatly denies the kidnapping violation of LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING, Victim, at Kansas City. He stated he made his appearance at the apartment house in Kansas City where BIKETTIS was arrested on the morning of March 2, 1943, and was allowed to go into the building where he hid in the bathroom and later made his escape. He made his way from Kansas City to Springfield, Mo., thence to Memphis, Tenn., thence by continuous trip to Phoenix, Arizona, where he stayed for some

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time, coming to Amarillo on April 26, 1943, where he has been employed as a cook in various restaurants. BEVER states that he did not communicate with any of his former associates, relatives or friends since March 2, 1943, and that he knows nothing of the present whereabouts of KAY BICKETTS, and that she had nothing to do with the bank robbery at Cincinnati. Fugitive complaints were filed against BEVER at Amarillo, Texas, on August 1, 1943, one complaint alleging the bank robbery at Cincinnati, one second complaint alleging the violation of Federal Escape Act, and one third complaint alleging the kidnapping at Kansas City. The warrants were filed by the United States Marshal with the Sheriff at Amarillo, Texas. The detainers representing officials at Amarillo, Texas, have promised that if Subject escapes the jail, he will be released for prosecution.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA HARRY H. ADKINS,  
at Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-2-43

Letter from Kansas City, Mo.  
dated 8-2-43.

DETAILS: The title of this case has been changed "Changed" to include the additional aliases of LEONARD JACK EDWARDS and JACK EDWARDS, which the Subject has used ever since his departure from Kansas City, Missouri, on March 2, 1943.

At Amarillo, Texas:

The writer was advised by A.S.(JED) HARPER, Chief of Police, and WILLIAM S. DAVIS, Sheriff at Amarillo, Texas, that HARRY RALPH BEVER had been arrested by members of the Amarillo Police Department in the early morning of July 23, 1943, under the alias of JACK EDWARDS, and that he was a very definite suspect in the murder of CLINT C. WOOD, proprietor of the Tamar Cafe at Amarillo, Texas, who was shot at about 12:30 A.M. on July 22, 1943, in the

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back yard of his home near his garage, at 303 Alabama Street, when he drove in after closing his place of business.

WOOD was known to always carry a large quantity of money and had about \$4,000 in currency in his possession, which the murderer failed to get, as apparently WOOD had put up a fight. The murdered victim was shot with a 22 caliber weapon. One of these shots severed the large artery to the heart.

These officers explained that Subject had been arrested on a tip from an underworld character who had stated that he believed Subject, known to him as JACK EDWARDS, had committed this murder, since Subject had been talking to him on several occasions about how easy it would be for someone to rob Mr. WOOD and had asked this informant to furnish a gun and a car, and that later a 22 caliber pistol belonging to this informant had been stolen from his home.

The writer was advised by Sergeant J. L. FLOYD and by GEORGE WILLIAMS, Identification Officer of the Amarillo Police Department, that immediately upon Subject's arrival at the Police Station in Amarillo, he had immediately admitted his identity as HARRY RALPH ESTEL and informed these officers that he was wanted by the F.B.I.

Subject had in his possession a Selective Service card which shows erasures and shows that it has been written over all in the same handwriting as the person signing same. In the name of (X) JACK EDWARDS, 3104 North Hines, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, showing that the registration had taken place on the 16th day of April, 1948, and signed by S. J. KAHN, Registrar for Local Draft Board No. 8, Jasper, Oklahoma. This card is being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau at Washington for an examination in an attempt to restore the original name. The writer, who is well acquainted with Oklahoma and Oklahoma City, has concluded that there is no such street or address in Oklahoma City, and no county known as Jasper in Oklahoma. Later, when questioned by the writer regarding this registration certificate, Subject refused to make any statement concerning it, other than that he had obtained it from a "friend".

The investigating officers informed the writer that Subject had been in Amarillo for about three months and had been employed as a cook at the Club Cafe on Taylor Street, and later at the Grand Cafe on Park Street.

JOHN ALLEN, Police Officer, informed the writer that the person who had furnished the tip causing the arrest of the Subject was HASSHIL HINES RUTLIFF, alias "SNAKE RUTLIFF", who has been a bootlegger and gambler for several years in Amarillo.

RATLIFF was questioned by the writer and stated that he had known the Subject under the name of JACK EDWARDS for several weeks around Amarillo and that Subject had visited him at his apartment, 802 South Johnson Street. He stated on several occasions during the past two or three weeks, Subject had suggested that RATLIFF help him to rob CLINT WOOD, as WOOD was known to always carry a considerable amount of money on his person, and that Subject had stated to RATLIFF that all he needed to pull the job with was a gun and a car.

RATLIFF stated he was the owner of a 9 shot 22 caliber pistol, and that Subject knew this gun and had seen it at his home and asked him to loan him the gun. RATLIFF stated that later this gun was missing one night when he came home late, and that it was his opinion that Subject had stolen it.

RATLIFF stated he knew nothing about the background or previous activities of the Subject except that Subject claimed he had come to Amarillo from Phoenix, Arizona, and that he had previously lived in California, and claimed he had a wife and baby in Phoenix. Living at 502 Van Buren Street there. He stated that Subject had promised to give him that he made \$200 on a "score" at the Elmer Hotel. Subject had held up a waiting room attendant at the Elmer Hotel and was leaving the game.

Various associates of the Subject who were being questioned by the Amarillo Police Department and the Amarillo Sheriff's Office, relative to the murder case were interviewed by the writer relative to their knowledge of Subject and his activities.

One VERA LENT LATHAM, who resides at 416 North Buchanan Street, age 21 years, and a waitress, still employed at the Elmer Hotel for about two weeks and had had some dates with him, and who claimed to her he was from Phoenix, Arizona, and that he was living at the Elmer Hotel. She stated that Subject begged to her about his ability to make lots of money, and that it was her impression he was a gambler. That he had never talked to her about Kansas City or Cincinnati, and had never said anything about his past other than that he had lived at Phoenix, Arizona. She stated that Subject was likeable and had made a good many friends among cooks, waitresses and gamblers since he had come to Amarillo.

WILLIAM CLEMONCE CANTRELL, alias "PEE WE" CANTRELL, who resides at Sidney Hotel and who is a pimp and a gambler stated that he had known Subject for about a month and had a few drinks with him and had on several occasions been in gambling games where Subject hung around, but that Subject did not play in the games but would make himself agreeable and would furnish drinks for the gamblers. CANTRELL stated it was his opinion that Subject was watching these gambling games with the idea of holding up the gamblers for

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their winnings or their rolls. CANTRELL stated that Subject had told him he had come to Amarillo from Phoenix, Arizona, and that he had formerly operated a restaurant somewhere in California near Los Angeles, and that he was a cook by trade, but that he never discussed Kansas City or any of his former associates.

GLENN WILSON, alias COTTON WILSON, gambler, who lives at the Blackstone Hotel, stated he had known Subject quite well for about two months, and that Subject had on several occasions spend part of the night with him in his room at the Blackstone Hotel, although Subject had a room at the Amarillo Hotel.

He stated that Subject never discussed his past, other than to state that he had come to Amarillo from Phoenix, Arizona, and that he had been working in a defense plant near Phoenix, which WILSON understood was some aluminum plant. He stated he had seen Subject on July 22, 1943, when Subject had come to his room and told WILSON he was leaving to go back to Phoenix, and that Subject sold him two suits of clothes for \$40.00, or had left the suits with WILSON when WILSON loaned the Subject \$40.00 and was keeping the suits. He stated that Subject telephoned the Union Bus Station from WILSON's room about 10 a.m. on the morning of July 23, and made inquiries about ticket to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and that Subject told him the bus station told him he could not get out on the first bus out, but that he might be able to enter one later that night.

He stated that he, WILSON, was familiar with the pistol belonging to SHANE PATLIFF, and that on one occasion about a week before the KID murder, Subject had brought this pistol to WILSON's room and asked WILSON to keep it and WILSON refused to do so and told him to get the gun away from his room, as he knew it was PATLIFF's gun. WILSON stated that Subject had never discussed Kansas City or any of his previous activities or former associates.

ERWIN SIMMONS alias BOVER, alias, was interviewed and he stated that he, SIMMONS, was managing the Club Cafe at Amarillo, Texas, and that Subject came and applied for a job as a cook on April 20, 1943, and that he hired the Subject, and that Subject did fair work as a cook, although it appeared to SIMMONS that he had had very little experience as a cook, as Subject was unable to plan menus, but when his work was confined for him did a fair job. Subject stated he remained in charge of this restaurant until May 4, 1943, and that Subject still stood on the job after SIMMONS left. SIMMONS left to take a partnership in the Grand Cafe on Park Street, and later Subject worked for SIMMONS there from June 15 to June 30, 1943. SIMMONS stated that it became necessary to discharge Subject because he was staying out late nights and returning to the restaurant all tired out and with such a hangover that he was unable to do his work properly. SIMMONS stated that he did not like the people who were beginning to hang around with Subject,



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mentioning that Subject was associating with PEE WEE CANTRELL, COTTON WILSON, SNAKE RATLIFF, and one TED LATHAM. (TED LATHAM is being held as a material witness and will probably be prosecuted in the State Court as an accomplice in the murder).

SIMMONS stated that he knew Subject probably better than anyone else know him in Amarillo. He stated Subject claimed he had come to Amarillo from Phoenix, Arizona, having caught a ride with some people who were going to Oklahoma City. He stated that he informed SIMMONS that his father and mother live at Ontario, California, and that his father was employed by an electrical company. SIMMONS stated he asked the Subject about his draft status, and that Subject claimed he was in A-T, and he had been turned down physically by the army because of stomach ulcer and hemorrhoids. SIMMONS stated when the Subject first came to work for him, he had a pale, heavily discolored and swollen, and that he was afflicted by a skin disease. SIMMONS stated that Subject stated he had a fight in Phoenix the night or two before he left there. SIMMONS stated he believed Subject stated that he had been involved in a poker game, but he was not sure of the details of the game.

SIMMONS stated that Subject was a trouble maker, but he had to let him go because of his condition, and for a short time he thought that Subject began to go with a gang known as the "Black Legion" by the name of LARRY LOU BLACK who was married to a Sergeant at Amarillo, Texas, and that time, SIMMONS, believed that Subject's activities were going to lead to trouble. He stated Subject never had any long distance telephone calls and never received any mail while working for him, and that he had no time and any strangers visit Subject while he was employed by SIMMONS. He stated that Subject had never mentioned Kansas City or Cincinnati to him.

At the time of Subject's arrival in Amarillo, he was contacted by the Amarillo Police Officers that he had just checked out of Room 339, Amarillo Hotel, and that this room had been thoroughly searched and nothing had been found and that other guests were checked out of the hotel very shortly after Subject checked out. They called on a subject and checked a suitcase on the Reynolds Bus from Amarillo to Albuquerque, and that the Amarillo Police Department had immediately contacted the Police Department in Albuquerque to intercept this suitcase and to return it to Amarillo. When this suitcase was returned to Amarillo, and when it was first opened, Agent EDWIN E. SIMMONS, Asst. Sgt. J. I. KING, is authorized to report the contents of this suitcase. nothing in the way of correspondence, letters, money, telephone numbers, or anything else of value in Subject's suitcase or his past activities or past associates was found.

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The Amarillo Police Department sent several exhibits to the Technical Laboratory in Washington for examination in connection with the murder case, including the pistol, which was found hidden in a sewer drain in a downtown location in Amarillo, and which was positively identified as being the pistol belonging to SLAKE RATLIFF, and which was identified by several persons interviewed by the Police Department as having been in the possession of the Subject prior to the murder of WOOD.

The Amarillo Police Department made a complete list of the articles found in the possession of the Subject. He had the sum of \$13.05, the registration certificate mentioned above, which was furnished to the writer; he had two war ration books in the name of JACK EDWARDS, giving the address of 702 1/2 North Fillmore, Amarillo, Texas. (He never lived at this address). He had a Social Security card #526-28-1723 issued to JACK EDWARDS, 602 West Van Burn, Phoenix, Arizona. He had a payroll record card showing payments covering a period from May 2, 1943, to June 15, 1943, by the Club Cafe. He also had the following payroll records which are significant as to his activities in Phoenix, Arizona, where he claimed he was employed by the LATHROP-MOORE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a contractor of local kind at Phoenix. One of these cards was dated April 1, 1943, in the name of JACK EDWARDS, wages \$41.48 less deductions, amount of check \$41.24. Another one dated April 14, 1943, to JACK EDWARDS, wages \$40.60 less deductions, amount of check \$37.32. Another one dated April 21, 1943, in the name of JACK EDWARDS, wages \$30.75, less deductions, amount of check \$28.32. He also had a notice of salary tax withheld by employer showing a total amount of earnings from the LATHROP-MOORE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY of Cincinnati, Ohio, from March 25, 1943, to April 20, 1943, the amount of earnings being \$156.63, less a tax of \$5.34.

He had in his possession an employment memorandum, dated April 23, 1943, from the United States Employment Service, Phoenix, Arizona, showing that he had voluntarily quit and was released and was eligible for employment elsewhere, signed LATHROP-MOORE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY by ALFRED A. HARRIS. He had a small slip of paper with the address of JOHNSON El Royal Court, Cabin Col on 17th Avenue between Van Burn and Grand (formerly a Phoenix, Arizona, address).

The Amarillo Police Department furnished the writer with a copy of a statement taken from GLEN (GAYTON) WELLS, and a copy of a statement taken from CHARLES DEWEY WOODHALL, and a copy of a statement taken from TONY SERVICE. These statements pertain to the murder and do not furnish any information of value to the Bureau or for prosecution of the Federal offenses.

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BEVER was interviewed and furnished the following signed statement relative to his identity and to his evasion of arrest in Kansas City, and to his travels since leaving Kansas City on March 2, 1943:

"Amarillo, Texas  
July 26, 1943

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
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COUNTY OF POTTER )

My true name is Harry Ralph Bever. I am 27 years old. I was born in Millgrove, Missouri, September 14, 1916. I am making this statement to L.E. Kingman and B.H. Fleming, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who have been identified to me as such agents, in the presence of Sid Harper, Chief of Police, J.K. Adams, Sheriff, and J. Leroy Lummis, District Attorney. I have seen Identification Number 1264 issued by the FBI in February 17, 1943, which bears my picture, and I am the person described in that document.

This statement is being made voluntarily, no threats nor promises have been made to me to induce me to make it.

On March 2, 1943, in Kansas City, Missouri - at which time Rickotts, Federal fugitive was arrested - I drove up to the apartment building from which Rickotts had been taken. I was stopped outside the building by a Federal man with a shotgun. He threw the gun on the sidewalk where I was going, and I could see that the man was surrounded by officers. I started towards him and he asked me where I was going. I told him I was going home and told him I lived there. He had me stand there a few minutes. It was cold that morning and I had no overcoat on so I asked him if I could go on in. He said "No", and sent me over to the other fellow at the corner of the building and said to see him: so I went over and asked him if I could go on in. The officers were in searching the apartment at that time. This officer at the corner of the building then told me to go on upstairs, that he was going to watch me; so I went up there. I went up and went into a hall bathroom. I stayed in that bathroom until it got

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daylight. I then came down and walked out of the building.

I went from Kansas City down to Harrisonville, Missouri in a car, and then by bus to Carthage, Missouri. I caught the Frisco train out of Carthage that same night and went to Springfield, Missouri. I stayed in Springfield that night and left Springfield the next morning on the Frisco train to Memphis, Tennessee. I remained in Memphis about 24 hours. I traveled by Rock Island train from Memphis, Tennessee through to Phoenix, Arizona, without stopping over anywhere. I was alone in this traveling.

When I first got to Phoenix, I did not work. I stayed at the Williams Hotel, 602 West Van Buren. I applied for and got a Social Security card at Phoenix under the name of JACK EDWARDS. I have used the name of Jack Edwards around Phoenix and ever since arriving. The Selective Service card which was in my effects was given to me by a friend in Kansas City. I went to work at the Aluminum Plant being built on the outskirts of West Phoenix, for the contracting firm of HICKS and HOGAN of Cincinnati. I worked at this job for about four weeks. During this time I moved from the Williams Hotel. I lived at a Tourist Hotel on Fifth Avenue and the Aluminum Plant on Van Buren. I moved from there to the Windsor Hotel, which I believe is located at 5th and Adams.

I left Phoenix about the first part of April and traveled in a car from Phoenix through to Amarillo, Texas. I was not fingerprinted when working on the job at Phoenix, Arizona. I was working for a sales director.

I arrived in Amarillo on Saturday about midday and went to work the next day as a cook at the El Paso Hotel at 700 North Ballinger. I lived there for about two weeks. I worked several weeks at the Club and then worked as a cook at the Grand Cafe. I moved from 700 North Ballinger to the Ross Hotel and lived there about a month. I moved from the Ross Hotel to the Amarillo Hotel where I lived for about a month before being arrested. I have been out of a job for about two or three weeks and four or five days.

I have been advised by Mr. KINGMAN of the various Federal charges pending against me, which he outlined as follows: an indictment at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging violation of the National Bank Robbery Act; a charge violating the

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National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, pending at St. Paul, Minnesota; a charge of violation of the Federal Escape Act at Cincinnati, Ohio; and a charge of violation of the Federal Kidnapping Statutes, pending at Kansas City, Missouri. I am willing to be taken to the proper jurisdictions to answer to these Federal charges as outlined to me by Mr. Kingman, providing I am released from the State charge pending against me at the present time at Amarillo, Texas.

I have read the above statement and it is true.

HARRY PALPH BEVER

WITNESSED BY:

L. E. KINGMAN  
BOYNTON H. FLEMMING  
W. J. DAVIS  
JAMES C. STEVENS  
A. S. HILF

On May 1, 1935, the writer interviewed Harry Palph Bever, who signed statement relative to the details of any one of the charges with which he is charged. Throughout the interview concerning the writer has had with BEVER he has stated that he knew nothing about the kidnapping offense in which LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING, taxi driver, was involved, in Kansas City. The pertinent facts in the allegation made by KING were previously outlined to BEVER and the only comment that he would make was to first ask the question: "When was this information turned in to you?" To this question, the writer informed BEVER that it was not approved until a complaint was made. BEVER made only one statement of significance in connection with the kidnapping by stating: "I always did a lot of crazy things but I never did that." BEVER stated that he remembered an incident of police work in the city of San Marcos, Springs, Missouri, in December, 1934, and that he was in Kansas City, Kansas.

Subject was allowed to contact his mother in Amarillo to communicate with his mother in Kansas City, and to inform the writer when he was first contacted, if the writer could tell him whether or not his mother and father were alive and were all right. Subject was released from prison since he had left Kansas City in March.

Mrs. BLANCH BEVER, mother of the Subject, came to Amarillo, and spent several days in interviews with him, and she contacted the writer and informed the writer that neither she nor Subject's father or any former

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associates that she knew of had ever heard from Subject since he left Kansas City in March of 1943. She stated that she had tried on several occasions to contact Subject and had even caused radio broadcasts, as she had wanted him to give himself up to the FBI, but that she had no idea where he had gone, and had in fact hoped that he was dead so that he would not be in to any more trouble.

Only a few items of pertinence were gathered from BEVER relative to the various offenses with which he is charged. He stated he had no idea where KAY RICKETTS was now living, and that KAY RICKETTS had nothing to do with the Cincinnati Bank Robbery. He appeared to be overly emphatic in this latter statement, although he was very carefully questioned in this regard. The Agent merely asked if KAY RICKETTS accompanied him and the other two Subjects when they went to Cincinnati or if she was already there or had been there previous to their visit to Cincinnati.

Subject stated that a considerable amount of money from the Cincinnati Bank Robbery had been taken from him and RICKETTS by members of the Minneapolis Police Department. He stated that he had been held in custody there. BEVER stated he had so informed agents of the FBI in Minneapolis when they were questioned, and that he could furnish information as to what had become of the rest of the money. He stated that he had been on his intention, and that he had been told by the other two Subjects to plead guilty to the bank robbery charges at Cincinnati, and they had been unable to escape from the bank. He stated that he did not care to discuss any of the details of the bank robbery, or the money, or that if he could be released from the current charges on the killing, he would be inclined to plead guilty to the bank robbery charges and the Kidnapping Act charge. He indicated that he had been told by the other two Subjects to plead guilty to the bank robbery charges and the Kidnapping Act charge. He asked the writer how much money he had been told to take from the bank. This information was not given to him.

Subject stated that he had been told by his former wife DIXIE GARNETT, and that she had been told by the other two Subjects that BEVER is presently working in some defense program, and that she had been told to come to Amarillo to visit him. He stated that he had been told that he was being released because of his association with the other two Subjects, and that he was going around with a tough crowd. He stated that he had been told by his former wife DIXIE GARNETT any not money, and that she got none of the proceeds from the Bank Robbery at Cincinnati.

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At another time, Subject made the remark that the cops in Minneapolis had taken at least \$1600.00 of hot money from him and RADKAY and RICKETTS when they were arrested in Minneapolis. He also asked as to the present whereabouts of CARLEN REESE O'DELL, and made the remark that she had a brother in Denver, Colorado, who was in charge of the agency for Keesarik in that city.

Subject stated that he was very much afraid that he would be convicted for the WOOD murder and that he would be given the death penalty, and he informed the writer that prior to the trial for the murder case, he might desire to make a statement to the Chief of Police and the Sheriff regarding the murder.

In commenting on the murder, the Subject made the statement that he had participated in many hold-ups where he had used a gun, but that he was never nervous and had never found it necessary to shoot anyone.

A check was made at the Amarillo Hotel, and it was found that there was no record of any long distance calls or toll phone calls or received by Subject when he was staying there.

In conference with JAMES H. MARTIN, District Attorney, Amarillo, Texas, he made the statement that he was ready to recommend a death penalty in the case of Subject, but that he would like to receive any less penalty than the death penalty for the murder of WOOD, that he would be released to the State Department for the purpose of making Federal charges.

Fugitive complaints were authorized by the Honorable JAMES H. MARTIN, Assistant United States District Attorney, Amarillo, Texas, and the writer filed the complaints at Amarillo, Texas, with the United States Commissioner MARY K. HARTY, the appropriate complaints were filed alleging the instant Bank Robbery case at Amarillo, Texas, on March 1, 1942; a second complaint alleging the instant case, was filed with the United States Commissioner at Amarillo, Texas, on March 1, 1942, alleging the kidnapping of WOOD. The Honorable JAMES H. MARTIN, Deputy United States District Attorney, Amarillo, Texas, filed these warrants with the Sheriff at Amarillo, Texas, for the purpose of capturing the fugitive.

ENCLOSURES: TO AMARILLO, TEXAS, MARCH 1, 1942.

1. Report of JOHN A. REEF, District Attorney, Amarillo, Texas.
2. Report of JOHN A. REEF, District Attorney, Amarillo, Texas.
3. Report of ELLER W. HARTY, District Attorney, Amarillo, Texas.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

At Phoenix, Arizona:

Will cause investigation at 602 West Van Buren Street, and at El Royal Courts on 17th Avenue between Van Buren and Monroe Streets, and with officials of L. THOMP and HOGUE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, in order to check all Subject's movements and activities at Phoenix.

Will follow whatever other leads might suggest themselves from this report or from the investigation conducted at Phoenix, in order to determine whether Subject was harbored by anyone at Phoenix, whether he committed any Federal crimes there, or whether he had been communicated from Phoenix to any of his former associates.

PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

At Memphis, Tennessee:

Will cause investigation to be made in order to determine whether there is any pending action against the Subject at this time, and if so, to determine if he has been released by state authorities.



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your note of August 5, 1943, advising us of  
the capture of the fugitive, Harry Ralph Bever, by your  
Department.

Congratulations on your work.

We are noting this information on our records.

Yours cordially,

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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This Case Originated at **CINCINNATI.**

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Report made at **KANSAS CITY.** Date when made **8-3-1943.** Period for which made **7-5-27-43** Report made by **ELMER H. ADKINS** ebc

Title Character of Case

**HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, - FUGITIVE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
I.O. #1869; Avondale Branch, Second FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio BANK ROBBERY; KIDNAPING  
10-31-42; LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM**

## Synopsis of Facts:

BEVER entered St. John's Church, Kansas City, Kansas, probably on night of kidnaping (early Nov. 1942) asking for RICKY and flourish- a gun and large amount of money. Photographs obtained of KAY RICKETS without her knowledge, which were forwarded to Cincinnati for identification there. Numerous individuals interviewed, including relatives, as to Fugitive's whereabouts. Laboratory report as to examination of hotel register, Royal Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Mo., negative. Fugitive arrested by PD, Amarillo, Tex. 7-22-43 on State charge of hold-up murder and will probably be prosecuted there. Authorized complaint filed Kansas City, Mo. charging vio. Sec. 402a, Title 18, U.S.C.A. in that BEVER did kidnap Victim and transport him from Kansas City, Mo. to Kansas City, Mo. on or about Nov. 5, 1942. U. S. Attorney requested \$50,000 bond be set and made returnable Kansas City, Mo. forthwith.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent  
E. H. ADKINS, JR.,  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
7-6-43.

## DETAILS:

AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, RECORDED

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Accompanied by Special Agent HAROLD LOOK SCOTT, the writer again interviewed Informant #1, relative to the individual known as ROSE, the nurse who might be a post office. He stated she may have been "on Harrison in the 700 block." He recalled that when he went for KAY RICKETTS, he went down Sixth Street Traffic Way, Kansas City, Kansas, and then turned off up a hill in the neighborhood of Harrison; KAY came out of the apartment and told him that ROSE did not know that she would be here and that she would not have said anything to him about her presence there, as he was a stranger. He stated that ROSE looked to be an Italian. This occurred on the same night as the kidnaping of the Victim KING. He stated further that the individual previously referred to as GEMIE is KAY'S sister. Shortly before the three bank robbers were apprehended in St. Paul at the time BEVER shot the soldier, he picked up KAY RICKETTS at Kansas City, Missouri and took her to Leavenworth to meet the three bandits. He believes that this was the time the money changed hands; (referred to in the referenced report.) At this time, RICKETTS was extremely nettled with BEVER over the fact that they had come down all the way to Leavenworth for so little money, expecting, apparently, to get around \$300.00 or \$900.00. He drove KAY back to her address on Central Avenue after this incident. Shortly after leaving Leavenworth he and KAY stopped by the side of the road a few miles out of Leavenworth to take a drink and do a little necking, when the three bandits pulled up along side of them; they had followed them to see what they would do.

Shortly after the robbery of the Cincinnati bank, and he believes the night of the kidnaping, BEVER sent Informant #1 a note by some kid whom he did not know to come over and see him at DIXIE WARETT'S apartment. He called Room 9 at DIXIE WARETT'S apartment and waited on the front porch, and BEVER and DIXIE came out. He wanted to know where RICKETTS and RICKETTS were, so #1 told him they were in St. Paul.

Informant #1 stated further that in Miami in the summer of 1942, the entire mob was down with the exception of BEVER, and that they were not looking for him to come down. He came in to Miami and discovered that BUDDY O'DELL was living with DIXIE WARETT, so he in turn took up a similar situation with CHERRY O'DELL, BUDDY'S wife.

#1 went on to state that RICKETTS'S method of pulling soldiers up was to first steal an automobile and hide it away either in some rented garage, or in back of the hospital, where RICKETTS said it would receive little attention from the police. Then he would look around for a used car dealer with a large establishment; would go through the dealer's garage and usually there would be found a blackboard stating the type of car, the license number and the name of the salesman who sold the automobile, and the name and address of the purchaser; shortly thereafter, he would call up the used car dealer and (in a disguised voice, or using some woman to call for him) would state that he was

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MRS. JONES who had purchased a car from there and describe it and state she had locked herself out of the car, or lost her key, and would request the serial number of the automobile key. He would then go to a locksmith and get a key bearing this serial number, and several days later would steal the car out of the garage, or from in front of the residence of the purchaser. He stated that SYLVIA HICKETTS, WILLIE ~~W~~ DK Y and BUDDY O'DELL executed the holdup in New York State, for which BUDDY O'DELL is presently serving a sentence at Attica, New York, and which has been previously referred to in other reports in this case.

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SAM GENOVA, 331 Ann, advised he was thirty-three years old and is married. He recalled the incident wherein BEVER entered the Club Room at the St. John's Catholic Church, 4th and BARNETT and stated that it was on a Wednesday night, placing the time as probably sometime in November 1942. He recalled that it was a Wednesday night because bowling was always held on that night. He stated that BEVER (he was later told by other persons that it was O'DELL) came in around 10:30 o'clock and asked for WILLIE LEBREY. GENOVA was sitting at the bar and was not paying much attention to BEVER. BEVER said: "If you will tell me where WILLIE is, I will take care of you," and with that pulled out a large roll of bills. He then asked someone else, whose name GENOVA could not recall, where WILLIE was, with negative results. He then stuck his hand in his coat pocket and made a motion which appeared to indicate that he had a gun in this pocket, and told GENOVA to sit down, which GENOVA did. GENOVA got up to go and bowl and BEVER told him to not go, but to sit down. GENOVA explained to BEVER that it was his turn to bowl, and that somebody else would stay there. BEVER was obviously intoxicated. BEVER again put his hand in his pocket making a motion as if he had a gun, then GENOVA told him that if he didn't take his hand out of his pocket, he would "knock his block off." BEVER took his hand out of his pocket, shrugged his shoulders, and without saying anything else walked out. GENOVA did not know until later that this man was BEVER. Prior to the interview he had never seen a photograph of BEVER. He positively identified his photograph, picking it out from several photographs. GENOVA stated further that he believed FRANK LOVE, a neighbor was also present.

FRANK LOVE, pork foreman, Swift and Company, 10th and Burger, residing at 415 Ann, telephone Fairfax 7252, recalled the incident at the St. John's Church Club, but stated that he did not see BEVER, as he was not in the room until a few minutes after the incident had happened. He confirmed GENOVA'S story as to the way in which GENOVA related it. He could only fix the night as on a Wednesday night in the fall of 1942, probably in November. He stated he could not recall any other persons who were there at that time, but would consult his records and advise this

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office concerning that.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The following individuals were interviewed relative to the fugitive's whereabouts with negative results:

Mr. and Mrs. DELBERT G. BEN, 721 West 11th  
W. P. CHRISTIAN, 721 West 11th  
BOY WILKUP, 3825 Central  
Mrs. JILL RICKETTS, 3023 Montgall  
Mrs. EUGENE BEVER, 113 East 33rd Street  
Mrs. OSCAR BEVER, 113 East 33rd Street  
ALVIN SUTLECK, 533 Crville  
JOHN PILLEGGI, 518 Montgall

BOY WILKUP, 3825 Central, who is a brother-in-law to KAY RICKETTS, advised that KAY RICKETTS had a sister named BERTHA DELLES who married ARTHUR DELLES. BERTHA died several months ago and he did not know the present whereabouts of ARTHUR DELLES.

The city directory lists an ARTHUR DELLES at 1905 1/2 East 8th Street. EDWIN C. BROWN, 1305 1/2 East 8th Street, advised that he had been living there since April 15, 1943. He stated that he has had a lot of people calling at all hours of the day and night asking for Mrs. ARTHUR DELLES. He stated that he had heard in the neighborhood that she was a dope fiend and a prostitute. He recalls that shortly after he occupied the apartment an individual, whom he picked out as BEVER from photographs, came to his apartment about 2:30 in the morning and asked for BERTHA DELLES. He stated no mail has ever come for DELLES. From the description of #1 and subsequent investigation, this is obviously the place Informant #1 was talking about as being "QUEERIE'S" address.

LEWIS HUFF, Superintendent, Bureau of Records and Identification, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, stated that he had no record of ARTHUR DELLES.

ARTHUR DELLES, 714 Tracy, was interviewed and advised that his wife BERTHA had died in February 1943. He advised that KAY RICKETTS came up to the apartment about 8:30 P.M. shortly after the fugitives escaped from jail in Cincinnati, and that she stated BILL, RED and SAM were in some sort of trouble back East. A few days later she came back and stated that she heard FRED was over in some filling station in Kansas City; this appears probably to be the filling station of CHESTER H. KASKE, previously referred to in this case. He could not, or would not, furnish any additional information, other than to state that his wife

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BEVER had been on the dope addict list of the U. S. Narcotic Bureau. He is presently married to a Mrs. MYRTLE BARTLETT DELLES.

Mrs. MONTA VAUGHT(BILTMORE APTS APARTMENTS), 903 East 9th Street, advised that her daughter was the first wife of the fugitive BEVER; that their marriage lasted only a few months. This occurred seven or eight years ago. She had not seen or heard from BEVER since that time. Her daughter(BEVER'S ex-wife)is now Mrs. DOROTHY(LUDGAR) EMARD, 329 Ventura, Santa Paula, California.

Informant #2 advised that in his opinion the one person who would know of BEVER'S whereabouts would be BUDDY O'DELL. He stated that O'DELL was BEVER'S entree into the mob, and that the rest of them did not like him. O'DELL taught him how to use a gun and how to engineer a stickup.

Surveillance of numerous night spots where BEVER had previously hung out and where other hoodlums hang out in Kansas City was conducted with Informant #2 on several occasions with negative results.

Accompanied by Special Agents HAROLD LOOK SCOTT and FRED L. BRUCCLANI, the writer obtained moving pictures of KAY RICHETTS walking down the street from her place of employment, RENO'S Cafe, 36th and Broadway. These films were developed locally, forwarded to the Bureau for enlargement of single frames, which together with the moving pictures are to be used by the Cincinnati Field Division in determining if KAY RICHETTS is in fact the woman who was with the mob during the time preceding the holdup. This request for investigation is set out by letter to the Cincinnati Field Division dated July 21, 1943.

By letter dated July 21, 1943, the St. Louis Field Division was requested to conduct additional investigation relative to the presence of the fugitive in St. Louis.

By letter dated July 19, 1943, the Bureau advised that no conclusion could be reached as to whether or not the signature on the registration card of the Royal Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, "H. M. HOFFMAN" was written by the Subject BEVER. Accordingly this original card is being returned to the Royal Hotel by letter dated August 2, 1943.

In response to an inquiry from this office, the Dallas Field Division advised by teletype dated July 23, 1943, that the Subject was arrested by the Amarillo Police Department July 22, 1943, in connection with an investigation relative to a holdup murder, in which a cafe operator was killed, the Subject admitting his identity at that time in an effort to be released from the State prosecution. The teletype further stated that BEVER would probably be identified in connection with

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this holdup murder, and will probably be prosecuted by the local authorities if a case can be proved against him there.

RICHARD K. PHELPS, Assistant United States Attorney on July 23, 1943 authorized the filing of a complaint charging the Subject with kidnaping the Victim LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING. He requested that a bond of \$50,000 be set, and that the Fugitive be returned to Kansas City, Missouri forthwith.

On July 24, 1943, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner CHARLES E. THOMPSON, charging the Fugitive with having violated Section 403a of Title 18, in that he did kidnap Victim LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING on or about November 5, 1943, and transport him from Kansas City, Missouri to Kansas City, Kansas and return. A copy of the complaint is being retained in the Kansas City Office file of this case.

Mail tracings were received on first class mail directed to the Fugitive's father and mother, brother GENE, MAY RICKETS and DAVID GARRETT, but are not being set out as they have no particular significance at this time.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT AMARILLO, TEXAS

Will interview Subject BEVER relative to the kidnaping and participation of ELY RICKETTS in instant bank robbery. Will also conduct investigation relative to any contacts he may have had with friends since his escape. This investigative lead was set out in detail by letter dated July 27, 1943 to the Dallas Field Division.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will exhibit the photographs of ELY RICKETTS to witnesses in this case. This lead was set out in detail by letter dated July 21, 1942.

THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will conduct investigation at the Mayfair and Statler Hotels in an effort to determine the presence there of the mob subsequent to the bank robbery. This investigation was set out in detail by letter to the St. Louis Field Division dated July 21, 1943.

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

Two copies of this report are being forwarded to the Atlanta Field Division as it is expected that leads will be set out in the future to interview E. BEVER and RICKETTS at the United States Penitentiary there.



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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

INFORMANT #1.....JOHN SINGLETON, prisoner,  
Kansas State Penitentiary,  
Lansing, Kansas

INFORMANT #2.....RUSSELL T. SMITH,  
Chief Investigator,  
Quartermaster's Ordnance Depot,  
Independence and Hardisty,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Both of these individuals were designated as informants at their request.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
AUGUST 6, 1943

APPREHENSION ORDER NO. 1822-874.

F. P. C.

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FBI Identification Order No. 1822 on Subject CHARLES ANDREW JORDAN, with aliases, #FBI 1,077,286, is hereby canceled inasmuch as he was located at Walla Walla, Washington, on July 8, 1943. (8/6/43).

APPREHENSION ORDER NO. 1902-875.

F. P. C.

NONE AVAILABLE

FBI Identification Order No. 1902 on Subject WILLIAM JOSEPH LANG, with alias, #FBI 3,376,210, is hereby canceled inasmuch as he was apprehended at Fowler, Indiana, July 16, 1943. (8/6/43).

APPREHENSION ORDER NO. 1845-876.

F. P. C.

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FBI Identification Order No. 1845 on Subject LAWRENCE RAYMOND BEALL, #FBI 2,973,415, is hereby canceled inasmuch as he was apprehended near Denver, Colorado, on July 19, 1943. (8/6/43).

APPREHENSION ORDER NO. 1901-877.

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FBI Identification Order No. 1901 on Subject NEWTON FERRY BAIRD, with aliases, #FBI 1,533,320, is hereby canceled inasmuch as he was apprehended at Uvalde, Texas, July 21, 1943. (8/6/43).

APPREHENSION ORDER NO. 1869-878.

F. P. C.

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FBI Identification Order No. 1869 on Subject HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, #FBI 2,413,512, is hereby canceled inasmuch as he was located at Amarillo, Texas, July 22, 1943. (8/6/43).

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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BUS: PNB

August 5, 1943

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Mr. Victor Grande  
Line-Up Editor  
True Detective  
Bartholomew Building  
205 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Grande:

On July 22, 1943, Harry Ralph Jover,  
I.O. #1902, was located at Amarillo, Texas.

An identification order and photograph  
of this individual were furnished to you previously.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - Mr. Subbler

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Date 7-31-1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

NAME: Harry Ralph Owen

FBI NO. 2413512

IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1869

LOCATED AT Amarillo, Texas

PROSECUTION DISMISSED AT                     

ON 7-22-43

According to Bureau records, data reflecting that this individual was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been forwarded to the following publications:

1. True Detective
2. Truth Page
3. Inside Detective
4. Mammoth Detective

In view of the above information, it is suggested that you notify these interested publications that subject is no longer wanted by this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

BUREAU FILE NO. 76-4846

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

FUGITIVE

Date 7-31-1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

NAME: Harry Ralph Brown

Fugitive Index No. 13311

Bureau File No. 76-9296

F.I.N. No. 3413512

P.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Issued at Amerville, Texas

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7-27-43

Copy 1 Want in Law Enforcement Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Order No. ✓ 1269

Very truly yours,

*E. Hoover*

Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

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Washington Field Division, 1435-37 K St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

August 6, 1943

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, ET AL  
I. O. #1869  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
91-3481

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of CHILTON B. CREASON, Special Agent, dated May 8, 1943 in the above-entitled matter at Washington, D.C.

Circularization has been completed by the War and Navy Departments of the Corps Areas, Arsenal, Depots and Navy Yards without finding any record of the legal disposition of, or report of the loss or theft of:

.45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, model 1911, Serial #209164.

For the information and guidance of the interested Field Divisions, arms of the type above-described stamped "U. S. Government," or marked in some manner indicating they are Government property, have not been sold by the Government as surplus property, sales being strictly limited to Officers of the Service, Officers of the National Guard and Officers of the Reserve Corps. Sales made to these Officers have been with the distinct understanding and signed agreement that they would not transfer possession of same.

Their attention is invited to a provision of the Revised Statutes, section 3749, which provides that any person other than a soldier in the service of the United States who may have arms stamped "U. S. Government," or marked in some manner indicating they are Government property, in his possession is liable to Federal Action. Unless proof can be exhibited of the legal purchase of arms of this type from an authorized Government agency, they should be delivered to the nearest representative of the National Service by express collect, with a request that an official receipt be issued for same.

No further action is being taken and this matter is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL

Special Agent in Charge

cc - Cincinnati



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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

July 30, 1943

WVB:DCM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1849, et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Reference is made to the writer's memorandum of July 21, 1943, in which you were advised that arrangements have been completed to compare the fingerprints of Bever with certain fingerprints contained in the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation.

This is to advise you that the fingerprints appearing on Certificate of Identification papers of approximately 1600 individuals who had applied for positions in the Merchant Marine at the ports of San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, California, between May 15, and June 5, inclusive, were compared with the fingerprints of Harry Ralph Bever, #FBI-2413512, I.O. #1849, without effecting an identification.

The comparisons were made by J. R. Robyak of the Single Fingerprint Section. It should be noted that lists of those applicants applying between May 15, and June 5, were supplied by the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation and it must be assumed that they were complete. Of the names furnished, only the following were not compared with Bever's inasmuch as the application papers were not available:

|                        |           |
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| William Joseph Cope    | #2-186995 |
| John Kruse             | #B-147390 |
| Iven Beebe Outchall    | #2-328646 |
| Harold Clyde Henderson | #2-328627 |
| James George Moreni    | #2-368501 |

Assisting Mr. Robyak were the following four clerical employees from the Assembly Section:

Miss Opal Thomas  
Miss Ruth Sullivan

Miss Irene Coppola  
Miss Mary Perry

Respectfully,

W. Wade Brewwell



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI  
July 23, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1848, et al.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau, dated July 3, 1943, relating to the circulization of the dentists in the St. Louis Area.

Please be advised that there are approximately 900 dentists located in the Greater St. Louis Area.

Very truly yours,

*E. B. Norris*

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Butte, Montana</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/20/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/24/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>WILLARD T. LINEHAN</b>                                  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER with aliases, I.O. #1869;<br/>ET AL - FUGITIVES</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Person fitting description of **SAMUEL RICKETS** reported to have made application for employment Western Union, Butte, Montana. Investigation of probability this individual might have been **HARRY RALPH BEVER** was conducted; however, results were negative.

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Details:

**AT BUTTE, MONTANA**

**DEFERRED RECORDING**

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a telephone call from Mr. **DELBERT M. HALE**, chief of the maintenance department of the Western Union at Butte, Montana, who advised that a person fitting the description of **SAMUEL RICKETS**, accompanied by another individual, had made application for employment on that day with the Western Union Company.

A review of the files in this office reflect that **SAMUEL RICKETS** had been apprehended but in view of the fact that possibly one of these men may be instant Subject **BEVER**, Mr. **HALE** was subsequently interviewed.

Mr. **HALE** was interviewed at the Western Union Office at which time he informed that two individuals giving their names as **RAYMOND G. LANFORTH** and **ROBERT A. REESE** had applied to him for employment on the morning of June 24, 1943. **HALE** stated that he constantly reviewed the Identification Orders which were issued by this Bureau and are displayed at the Butte, Montana, Police Department and that through these actions the person claiming to be **REESE** had caused him to become suspicious.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Wm. L. Logan* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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HALE further advised that he was formerly from the State of Kansas, coming from DeSoto, and that during the questioning of these two individuals REESE had stated that he had come directly from Kansas City, Kansas. REESE told HALE that he had been employed in a large munitions factory near DeSoto. Continuing, HALE stated that after receiving this information he had inquired about DeSoto, Kansas, and that REESE had answered his questions though not very well. He further stated that he told the two boys he could not hire them but requested them to return June 25, 1943. According to HALE, he subsequently went to look again at the Identification Orders in the Police Department and thought that REESE did compare favorably in looks and description with the Identification Order #1,870 of SAMUEL RICKETTS.

Pictures of HARRY RALPH BEVER, WILLIAM ISAAC BAKER and SAMUEL RICKETTS were exhibited to Mr. HALE; however, upon reviewing the clear print he was unable to identify the picture of BEVER as being either one of these persons.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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July 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869, et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The Kansas City Field Division advised by letter dated June 8, 1943, it had received information to the effect Harry Ralph Bever enlisted in the Merchant Marines somewhere in the State of California "during the past two weeks". The information was received by the Kansas City Office through Informant Russell J. Smith, who is the person contacted by Subjects Bever, William Isaac Mackay and Samuel Ricketts when they first arrived in Kansas City after escaping from jail in Cincinnati, Ohio. Smith is known to have good connections with the criminal element in Kansas City, and the Kansas City Office advises that the above information may be of value. Informant Smith did not know the exact place where the enlistment took place or the name under which Bever enlisted.

REQUEST OF THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

The Kansas City Office requested in its letter dated June 8, 1943, that "the fingerprint records of all volunteers for enlistment in the Merchant Marines for the period from May 15, 1943, through June 5, 1943, be examined to determine whether or not subject Bever enlisted in the Merchant Marines during this period."

ACTION TAKEN

The above letter was immediately referred to the Identification Division for attention. I have since been following this matter with Supervisor W. W. Brownell of the Identification Division to determine whether the requested search was possible, feasible and whether it would be made so the Kansas City Office could be appropriately advised. At first I was informed there was some question of procedure regarding the proper liaison necessary with the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation and that the Washington Field Office was being requested to contact this Bureau. Later, however, I was advised the Identification Division would handle this contact.

Special Employee Carl H. Peterson then contacted Mrs. Margaret A. Hickey, assistant to Lieutenant R. H. Farinholt, who is in charge of the records at the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation. Mrs. Hickey advised it would



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be satisfactory to have an employee of this Bureau compare the fingerprints of Bever with the fingerprints contained in the jackets which had been received in that Agency from California between May 15, 1943, and June 5, 1943. She informed, however, that because of the shortage of personnel, it would not be possible for that Agency to furnish employees to pull the jackets so that our technical men could make the comparison, and requested that the Bureau furnish clerical employees for removing the jackets from the files so that they could be compared by the technical men. She also requested that our clerical employees refile these jackets.

By memorandum dated July 6, 1943, Supervisor W. W. Bromwell advised Assistant Director Tracy that no action is being taken in this matter until authorization is received from Mr. Tracy. Mr. Tracy referred this memorandum to you on July 7, 1943, with the question, "What do you think? I understand there are about 6,000 to check."

#### NUMBER OF FINGERPRINT EXPERTS AND AMOUNT CLERICAL WORK REQUIRED

Supervisor Bromwell has advised me that Lieutenant R. H. Farinholt, who is in charge of the records at the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, estimates it will be necessary for us to examine between 900 and 1,000 jackets. Farinholt's assistant, Mrs. Margaret A. Hickey, estimates it will be necessary for us to check about 6,000 jackets. Mr. Bromwell states two fingerprint men could check about 6,500 prints in about two days, but it would take a number of other clerical employees to remove fingerprint jackets from the file, take them to the fingerprint men and return them to the file. He has estimated it will take one fingerprint man and four clerical employees about six days to handle the entire project.

#### IMPORTANCE OF THE CASE AND BRIEF BACKGROUND DATA

Harry Ralph Bever is one of our ten most important fugitives, and intensive investigation is being conducted in an effort to bring about his apprehension. There are attached copies of an Identification Order issued on Bever and a flyer issued some time ago on Bever and his associates. Consideration is presently being given to further extensive circularization regarding him in Kansas City, Miami, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Los Angeles and St. Louis territories.

Assisted by Samuel Ricketts and William Radkay, Bever robbed the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942, of loot amounting to \$6,314. A Federal complaint was filed at Cincinnati on November 30, 1942, charging him with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in connection with this robbery. On November 23, 1942, a soldier was shot and critically wounded by Bever in the Happy Hour Cafe, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This shooting led directly to the apprehension of Bever, Ricketts and Radkay by local authorities, and Bever confessed participation in the bank robbery when a quantity of loot from the victim bank was found in their possession. A Federal complaint was filed at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging Bever with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he transported a stolen automobile from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, on or about November 9, 1942. On February 12, 1943, accompanied by Ricketts, Radkay

and Clarence and Albert Parsons, two demented kidnaper-rapists, Bever escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio. A Federal complaint was filed at Cincinnati on February 13, 1943, charging Bever with violation of the Federal Escape Act. Clarence and Albert Parsons were apprehended by local officers at Cincinnati on February 17, 1943. Radkay was apprehended by Bureau Agents at Kansas City on March 1, 1943, and Ricketts was apprehended by Bureau Agents and local authorities at Kansas City, Missouri, on March 2, 1943. Radkay and Ricketts were sentenced at Cincinnati on March 19, 1943, twenty years each for violation of the Bank Robbery Statute and five years each for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, these sentences to run concurrently.

SUGGESTED ACTION

There are presently no other important leads outstanding in this case, and since the case is consuming a great deal of Special Agent investigative time throughout the Field, it is believed the request of the Kansas City Office should be complied with immediately. There are apparently no objections to our checking the records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, other than the fact it would require the expenditure of several days of clerical time. If, however, there is some reason why the Identification Division cannot comply with the request of the Kansas City Office, it is believed the Identification Division should so advise Kansas City without delay.

Follow for results

Respectfully,

K. C. West

Attachment

CC - Mr. W. W. Bromwell

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

July 6, 1943

WNB:DDM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869, et al  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Reference is made to the letter dated June 3, 1943, from the Special Agent in Charge, Kansas City, Missouri, to the Director, in the above-entitled matter.

Mr. West, Bureau Fugitive Supervisor, requested that arrangements be made whereby the records received in the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation from California be obtained and the fingerprints contained therein compared with the fingerprints of the above-named subject in order to ascertain the present location of Bever if he did, in fact, enlist in the Merchant Marine between May 15 and June 5, 1943.

Special Employee Carl H. Peterson contacted Mrs. Margaret A. Hickey, assistant to Lieutenant R. H. Farinholt, who is in charge of the records at the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation. Mrs. Hickey advised that it would be satisfactory to have an employee of this Bureau compare the fingerprints of Bever with the fingerprints contained in the jackets which had been received in that agency from California between May 15 and June 5, 1943; however, she informed that because of the shortage of personnel it would not be possible for that agency to furnish employees to pull the jackets so that our Technical men could make the comparison and requested that the Bureau furnish such employees for removing the jackets from the files so that they could be compared by the Technical men and those same employees re-file the jackets.

No action is being taken in this matter to effect the comparison of the prints contained in the files of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation with those of Bever until authorization is received from you.

Respectfully,

*W. Wade Bremwell*  
W. Wade Bremwell



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RCR:VAG

Date: July 20, 1943

REGISTERED MAIL

To: SAC, Kansas City

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: HARRY RALPH DYER with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1069

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Avondale Branch, Second National  
Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio (10-11-42)  
LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - Victim  
FUGITIVE FEDERAL PRISONER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
BANK ROBBERY  
RE: KING

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated July 14, 1943, transmitting one roll of film containing exposures of ROY LICKETT, a suspect in this case.

In accordance with your request, four enlarged photographic prints of each exposure and the negatives and the roll of moving picture film are being forwarded to the Cincinnati Field Division, and one print is being returned to your office herewith.

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. P. M. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Starnes \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure  
cc: Cincinnati



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**Kansas City, Missouri  
July 14, 1943**

**ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION**

**Director, FBI**

**Dear Sir:**

**RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1009  
Avenue Branch, Second National  
Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio (10-31-42)  
LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - Victim  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
BANK ROBBERY  
KIDNAPING**

Enclosed under separate cover, with two copies of this letter, is a 100 foot roll of 16 mm. film which has been exposed. This film represents the photograph of KAY RICKETS, a suspect in this case. About 10 feet of this film has been used for this purpose. An Agent will also be noted in this picture who was used as a decoy.

The Bureau is requested to select approximately 4 different facial poses of the woman and make suitable enlargements therefrom. The size of these enlargements is being left to the discretion of the Bureau, but should be consistent with clarity for the purpose of exhibition to witnesses.

It is requested that this film be not cut, unless it is necessary to do so in making the enlargements, as the motion picture film will be used in conjunction with the still photographs for identification purposes.

It is requested that the Bureau forward 4 copies of each enlargement to the Cincinnati Field Division, together with the roll of moving picture film, and that 1 copy of each enlargement be forwarded to this office.

The Cincinnati Field Division is being advised separately in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Connelley*  
WILLIAM J. CONNELLEY, 5 JUL 16 1943  
Special Agent in Charge



RM:ed  
cc - Cincinnati  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-423**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b> | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-20-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-15, 16, 17-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>ARLIN ELWOOD JONES</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJH</b></span> |
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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH DYER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,<br/>IA #1869, AYDIALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK,<br/>CINCINNATI, OHIO (76-31-42);<br/>LAWRENCE WILLIAM WING - VICTIM.</b> | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; BANK<br/>ROBBERY; KIDNAPPING.</b> |
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Effort to locate LANOMA McLEMORE,  
Little Rock, Arkansas, negative.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent HAROLD LORE SCOTT,  
dated at Kansas City, on April 3, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM R. WALLACE, JR.,  
dated at Little Rock, on March 31, 1943.  
Bureau file #76-7296.

**DETAILS:**

• **AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

GEORGE HELMBECK, who operates George's Steak House, corner of Louisiana and West Markham Streets, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised that he had formerly operated George's Place on Highway 70, and the Hollywood Inn located on the Arch Street Pike, but stated that he had never employed, or was not acquainted with, LANOMA McLEMORE. He stated that he was pretty well acquainted at the other gambling establishments, but that she was unknown to him.

BARRY LEVINE, formerly operator of the Westwood Club, which was perhaps the biggest establishment in Little Rock, Arkansas. This establishment has been closed for over a year inasmuch as LEVINE was inducted into the Army. However, he was recently released inasmuch as he is 38 years of age, and is presently employed as a mechanic for the Madison Cadillac Company, South Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lieutenant JACK DEUBLER, Little Rock Police Department, checked their records but no information was available concerning LANOMA McLEMORE.

APPROVED AND  
FORWARDED:

*Charles E. Campbell*

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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| <p>76-423-172</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">36</p> | <p>RECORDED &amp; INDEXED</p> |
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**HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1869; AVONDALE BRANCH, SECURED NATIONAL BANK,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO (10-31-42);  
LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM.**

**L. R. 76-423**

He telephonically contacted MARCEL DUNNWAY, who lives in the three thousand block of East Washington Avenue, in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and is one of the big gamblers of Pulaski County and is well known in all of the gambling joints. DUNNWAY advised DEUBLER that LAROMA McLEMORE was unknown to him.

Chief of Police J. M. ANDERSON, North Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department, stated that LAROMA McLEMORE was unknown to him and there was no record in their files concerning this individual.

A check of the Pulaski County Sheriff's records failed to reflect any information concerning LAROMA McLEMORE.

Mr. L. THOMASON, Identification Officer, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, stated that LAROMA McLEMORE was unknown to him.

A check with JOHN McHUGHES, Retail Credit Bureau, Little Rock, Arkansas, revealed that he had no record of LAROMA McLEMORE.

A check of telephone and city directories failed to reflect any information concerning this individual.

**- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -**

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LEWEL. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WITH ALIASES, ~~RECEIVED~~, FKA. U. S. ATTORNEY  
CINCINNATI DESIRES REMOVAL OF BEVER UNDER COMMISSIONERS COMPLAINT FILED  
FEBRUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN ~~FO~~ FORTYTHREE AGAINST SUBJECT BEVER CHARGING  
VIOLATION SECTION SEVEN FIVE THREE N, TITLE EIGHTEEN ~~U~~ U S C, IN  
THAT BEVER DID ON FEBRUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AT CINCINNATI,  
OHIO, ESCAPE FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL AT SIX FIFTEEN PM, HE  
BEING LAWFULLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE U. S. MARSHAL AND COMMITTED TO  
THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL BY THE U. S. COMMISSIONER. U. S. ATTORNEY  
CINCINNATI FORWARDING CERTIFIED PAPERS AMSD TODAY. U S ATTORNEY CIN-  
CINNATI FORWARDING ~~U~~ U S ATTORNEY CINCINNATI REQUESTS TWENTY-  
FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND RETURNABLE FORTHWITH. BANK ROBBERY INDICTMENT  
ALSO OUTSTANDING AT CINCINNATI AGAINST BEVER.

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DIRECTOR SACS CINCINNATI AND DALLAS

DERYL. HARRY RALPH BEVER WAS ~~DECEASED~~ <sup>ESCAPED</sup> TO ONE EIGHT SIX NINETEEN ST.,  
FEA, BR, NMUTA, KIDNAPING ETC. USA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI HAS  
AUTHORIZED FILING COMPLAINT HERE CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION  
SECTION FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT-A, TITLE EIGHTEEN IN THAT HE DID  
KIDNAP VICTIM LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING ABOUT NOVEMBER FIFTH  
PORTYTWO AND TRANSPORT HIM IN INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL FROM KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. COMPLAINT BEING FILED HERE  
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USA REQUESTS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND RETURNABLE KANSAS CITY,  
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BEVER THIS DISTRICT FOR KIDNAPING IF RELEASED BY TEXAS AUTHORITIES  
AS BEVER LIVES KANSAS CITY, LOCAL PUBLICITY WOULD BE QUITE  
FAVORABLE AND WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST.  
HE ALSO EXPECTS A LARGER SENTENCE THAN WOULD BE OBTAINED IN THE BANK  
ROBBERY AND NMUTA CASES.

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DIRECTOR, SAC CINCINNATI AND KANSAS CITY.

BERYL. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS FUG. I O ONE EIGHT SIX NINE, DFP FEA  
ER NMVTA. BEVER APPREHENDED BY AMARILLO PD TWENTYSECOND INSTANT  
CONNECTION WITH LOCAL INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] MURDER CASE. SUBJECT  
HAS ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AND FINGERPRINTS POSTIVELY IDENTICAL WITH  
THOSE APPEARING ON I O ONE EIGHT SIX NINE. SPECIAL AGENT ADVISES THAT  
BEVER WILL VERY PROBABLY BE DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS PERPETRATOR OF HOLD-  
UP MURDER AT AMARILLO, IN WHICH EVENT HE WILL BE PROSECUTED THERE, IN  
EVENT HE IS NOT PROSECUTED THEY WILL RELEASE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR  
REMOVAL TO CINCINNATI OR WHEREEVER NECESSARY. WIRE SERVICES HERE  
HAVE BEEN MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION AND [REDACTED]  
APPREHENSION OF BEVER BUT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELEASED AS YET.  
TWENTYFOUR HOUR GUARD BEING MAINTAINED OVER BEVER, WHO HAS WARNED P D  
HE WILL [REDACTED] ESCAPE. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHAT PROCESS SHOULD BE FILED  
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WARRANTS WILL BE FILED AS DETAINERS AT ONCE.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

July 21, 1943

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY**

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases,  
~~Escaped~~ I.O. #1869, et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

In accordance with your instructions the following employees have been assigned to check the files of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation with a view to determine if the above-named subject enlisted in this service between the period of May 15, 1943, and June 5, 1943, in the state of California;

Mr. J. Kolpak, single fingerprint employee  
Miss Opal Thomas, assembly employee  
Miss Ruth Sullivan, assembly employee  
Miss Irene Coppolla, assembly employee  
Miss Mary Perry, assembly employee

Mr. Kolpak will compare the fingerprints of Bever I.O. #1869 with the fingerprints contained in the jackets of individuals who applied for seamen's papers between the period of May 15, 1943, and June 5, 1943. The other employees above-mentioned will remove the jackets from the files so that they may be examined by Mr. Kolpak and then refile the same. It is estimated that this project will take approximately six days and you will be advised upon its completion.

Respectfully,

*W. Wade Brownell*  
W. Wade Brownell

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 23, 1943

Transmit the following message to:

ALL SAC'S except DALLAS,  
KANSAS CITY, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON  
FIELD, MEMPHIS, JEFFERSON AND SAN JUAN

HARRY RALPH REVER, WAS. FUGITIVE, I. O. ONE EIGHT SIX NINE, DR. FIA, ENVT.

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION. SUBJECT LOCATED ARNOLD, TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY INSTANT.

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cc-Dallas (by regular mail)  
Kansas City (by regular mail)  
Cincinnati (by regular mail)  
Washington Field (by special messenger)  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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JUL 23 1943

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at CINCINNATI

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| Report made at<br><b>KANSAS CITY</b>   | Date when made<br><b>7-5-43</b> | Period for which made<br><b>6-15-43 to 7-4-43</b> | Report made by<br><b>ELMER H. ADKINS, JR. af</b>   |
| Title<br><b>HARRY ALLEN BEVER, with aliases, Harry Ralph Bever, Ralph Bever, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry James Dugan, with aliases, "Red" - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1268; ATTORNEY LEON CH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO (1-12-43); LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING - VICTIM</b> |                                 |   | Character of case<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>BANK ROBBERY<br/>KIDNAPPING</b> |

**Synopsis of Facts:**

Mail covers subject's relatives checked with negative results. Contacts with subject's friends at K.C. negative. Informant states KAY RICKETTS, former wife SAM RICKETTS, planned robbery at Cincinnati bank with RADKAY; also kept money for mob and sheltered them. Contacts of mob in K.C., "QUEENIE", 721 W. 11th St., where RICKETTS arrested, and ROSE, a nurse at K.C. BEVER and RICKETTS or RADKAY kidnapped victim cab driver of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Nov. '42 and transported him K.C. to K.C., Kan. and return; BEVER wanted to kill him but was stopped by partner. Investigation and surveillance Excelsior Springs negative, but reveals fugitive probably there recently.

**References:**

Report of Special Agent **MOLAND S. TORN**, Kansas City, dated 6-7-43  
Report of Special Agent **G. C. STELL**, Des Moines, dated 5-22-43

**Details:**

The title of this case is being changed to add the name of the victim, **LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING**, and the character is being changed to include Kidnapping. All offices receiving leads in this matter should furnish the Kansas City Office with two copies of all reports. Investigations in this matter should be given top priority attention.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent **HENRY H. MOORE** of this office as a result of mail covers placed on Mrs. **DOROTHY DOWNING**, Newton, Iowa, and Mrs. **EDNA J. ...**, Des Moines, Iowa, relatives of the fugitive:

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| <p><i>Handwritten signature: Keith Thorne</i></p>  |     | <p><b>29 JUL 16 1943</b></p> |
| <p>Copies of this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 - Bureau (16-920) 27 1943</li> <li>3 - Cincinnati (100-1, Cincinnati) (7-4-43)</li> <li>2 - Seattle</li> <li>2 - Los Angeles (Chen.) (26-6151)</li> <li>1 - USA, Kansas City</li> </ul> |     | <p><b>INDEXED</b></p>        |

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At Trenton, Missouri (Investigation on June 16, 1943)

Holland Furnace Company - E. E. DEEGAN, 1717 Main Street, stated that he was the representative in Trenton for this concern, and that he had written to Mrs. DAN ISAACS, 3310 E. 10th Street, relating to repairing the furnace in a residence in Trenton that Mrs. ISAACS owns. He wrote to her in January and February of 1943. DORIS BLACKWELL, 1701 Main Street, stated that she had seen no one at 1717 Main Street that resembled the picture of BEVER.

E. W. CHANDLER, 1534 Cedar Street - Mrs. CHANDLER stated that her husband was secretary for a labor union that was located in Trenton. On April 23, 1943, her husband sent to D. W. (DAN) ISAACS, 3310 10th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, a receipt for his labor dues. Mrs. CHANDLER stated that she did not know ISAACS, but that he used to live at Trenton and still had his labor membership there.

E. W. CRANE, business address 932 1/2 Main Street, home address, 112 East 9th Street - Mr. CRANE'S secretary, LENA SMITH, stated that he handled the property in Trenton for Mrs. ISAACS, and that on or about each first they mailed her the rent.

At Hill Grove, Missouri (Investigation on June 18, 1943)

RALPH L. ORR, postmaster, stated that Mrs. PENNINGTON was the mother of EDDIE ISAACS of Des Moines, Iowa; that numerous letters were written by each. ORR stated that as far as he knew BEVER had not been at Hill Grove in years.

At Chillicothe, Missouri (Investigation on June 21, 1943)

GILBERT S. HETTRICK, guard at the Girls' State Industrial School at Chillicothe, stated that he had overheard several of the prisoners talking about the death of BEVER, but he could recall no details; neither could he recall mentioning this to anyone. At the suggestion of HETTRICK, Prisoner ROBERT J. JESSEY was interviewed about the incident relating to BEVER'S death. JESSEY stated that while he was at Church Farm, he overheard several



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prisoners talking about BEVER, and later one mentioned that INDECOT, a prisoner, was ill and did not want to die in the hospital. One prisoner stated that he was not too good to die in the hospital as RALPH did. RUSSEY stated that since they were talking about BEVER only a short time previously, he took this to be RALPH BEVER who was referred to as having died in the hospital at the state prison.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

By letter dated June 24, 1943, H. F. MILL, of Oak Grove, Missouri, stated that he heard that an ex-convict had some information that the subject was a cab driver or truck driver in Jefferson City, Missouri. Mr. MILL was interviewed, and stated he had received this information from KENEURN, a guard at the penitentiary. It is noted that KENEURN was interviewed by Special Agent HENRY H. MOORE of this office, as set out hereinabove in this report, and had no specific information.

In THE KANSAS CITY STAR for June 23, 1943, there were observed two Want Ads in the Personal Section. No. 1 was as follows: "Steve McGee, meet me at apartment 3:00 p.m.. Shaving things here. Signed, Red Head." No. 2 contained the following message: "Did you keep appointment 3:00 p.m. Sunday? Shaving outfit here. My love. Signed, Red Head." A. E. SHYROCK, Want Ad Department of THE KANSAS CITY STAR, advised that the No. 1 ad was charged to BILL MORTON, 4403 Wabash, telephone Linwood 2041; the No. 2 ad was charged to GLADYS KIRKMAN, 612 East 30th Street, telephone Valentine 0560. Investigation determined that both MORTON and KIRKMAN were females and that these ads had no connection with the fugitive.

Investigation was conducted in the neighborhoods of both of the above places, likewise with negative results.

The following associates of BEVER were contacted with negative results:

KENNETH COMMLIN, bartender, College Inn Supper Club, 127 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri

CHESTER E. FLAKE, 701 Simpson, Kansas City, Kansas

KENNETH JEFFERSON TURNER, 3000 Peery, Kansas City, Missouri

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Inquiry concerning CARMEN REECE O'DELL, wife of EDDY O'DELL, former associate of BEVER, revealed that she had gone to Dallas, Texas about June 23, 1943. It is noted that the manager at 3614 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, where Mrs. O'DELL resided, will have information in the near future as to Mrs. O'DELL'S address.

WILSON WILKIE HAMBLET, Apartment 204, 712 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he was now working at the Continental Hotel for about ten days. He advised that an uncle of DIXIE GARRETT had a ranch in Wyoming, or some place out west, and that she and BEVER had spent some time there a few years ago. He had no further information.

DIXIE GARRETT, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, former wife of BEVER, advised that this uncle referred to by HAMBLET is GOLDEN W. MARR, who lived at that time at a ranch near Lamont, Washington, but that he had moved recently to some other place in the State of Washington. This information was forwarded to the Seattle Office by letter dated July 3, 1943. Mrs. GARRETT had no other information concerning BEVER.

Mrs. ELLIOT HALLING, 106 East 23rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that recently Mrs. BEVER, mother of the fugitive, had received a letter from DOROTHY VAUGHN, first wife of the fugitive. She stated she understood that Mrs. VAUGHN, DOROTHY'S mother, was presently employed in John Taylor's Department Store, Kansas City, Missouri, in the Dryery Department. Mrs. HALLING previously reported this as DOROTHY BONE, which later proved to be erroneous. Mrs. HALLING also stated that Mrs. BEVER, mother of the fugitive, was trying to move from her address, and that she would advise of any such plans. To date Mrs. BEVER has not moved, as she has been unable to obtain a new place. Mrs. HALLING further advised that GENE BEVER, brother of the fugitive, is drinking more or less heavily, and that he is spending considerable evenings out all night long. He stated that Mrs. GENE BEVER is very much fed up with him, and believes that she might turn in the fugitive should she know where he is.

A review of the file reveals that BEVER'S first wife is now DOROTHY VAUGHN PRUITT, whose present address is unknown. Surveillances were conducted by the writer on several occasions with negative results. These were on EUGENE BEVER, brother of the fugitive.

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Mrs. A.D. DAVENPORT, 2 West 37th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone Westport 1345, advised Special Agent ROBERT BAILEY MILLER of this office that Mrs. CLAUDINE MURPHY, a cousin of DIXIE GARNETT, Miami, Florida, used to go with BEVER and might be able to furnish some information. It is observed that Mrs. MURPHY has been previously interviewed by the Miami Office.

Informant No. 1 was interviewed on three different occasions by the writer and Special Agent HAROLD LOON SCOTT of this office. He stated that HARRIET EISEN and ALMA SUTLER were both former girl friends of RADKAY'S and may have some information about the fugitive. SUTLER is now supposed to be living in the 500 block on Orville Street, Kansas City, Kansas. She was a former room-mate of HARRIET EISEN in Kansas City. HARRIET EISEN, who has since remarried, is working in some dress shop in Joplin, Missouri. When RADKAY was under arrest at St. Paul, he wrote Informant No. 1 and asked him to contact EISEN and get his clothes which he had left at her house. Informant No. 1 did this, but EISEN refused to release them. RADKAY'S mother finally went down to Joplin and got the clothes.

Informant No. 1 stated that BEVER told him that he gave \$900 from the instant bank robbery money to an individual whom he believed he called BOB. This occurred at Milton's Tea Room, and it happened shortly after the instant robbery.

Informant No. 1 stated that BEVER got drunk one night at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where all three of them were staying, and, with SAM RICKETTS, hired a cab. BEVER decided he was going to kill the cab driver, and threatened to do so, but RICKETTS, by use of his own gun, prevented this. Informant No. 1 stated the reason they stopped at Excelsior Springs was because it was close to Kansas City, and they were afraid to come in at that time. He could furnish no information about any girl friends or other contacts at Excelsior Springs.

Informant No. 1 further stated that GEORGE MURCO, BUDDY WIDELL and RADKAY pulled the Home Sash and Door job, which place was held up several times at Kansas City, Missouri. This was the first time that the Home Sash and Door Company was held up, and they failed to get any money. He knows this, because the day after it happened, RADKAY told him to look in the paper and see how much they missed, which turned out to be \$7500. RADKAY, MURCO and probably BEVER also robbed the Manor Bakery, Kansas City, Missouri, at one time. Two of the guns were left with the informant after the Home Sash and Door robbery.

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Informant No. 1 was very much reluctant to divulge what information he had at first relative to KAY RICKETTS. However, he finally advised that while he was in jail he received a letter from KAY RICKETTS about March 13, 1943, and she stated that she had heard that "RED" BEVER wanted to see him. He was of the opinion that KAY is in possession of information all of the time as to where "RED" can be located, and that she could turn him in for enough money. He also stated that KAY fingered the bank robbery in Cincinnati. She was in an apartment in Cincinnati prior to the robbery. One day she was riding on the streetcar and noticed a line of people in front of a building. She thought possibly it was a pay roll, and got off the streetcar to look the place over. She later came back with RADKAY and asked the bank for the robbery. One time in Cincinnati RADKAY, RICKETTS and BEVER were in this apartment. She had taken an apartment under her name, and the three members of the mob were spending a great deal of time there. All of their guns were spread out on the table and they were looking them over and cleaning them. An air-raid warden came up and wanted to go through the apartment in connection with his duties, but she refused to let him in, stating that she was taking a bath. This apartment was some place near Avondale. RADKAY and BEVER both had girl friends in Cincinnati who were sisters, according to Informant No. 1. RADKAY told his girl friend he was a construction engineer. They picked up these girls friends in some bar, and it later turned out they were living in the same apartment building as KAY RICKETTS. Accordingly, they had considerable trouble sneaking into KAY'S apartment. KAY knew these girls, as there was a big argument about them because she made a nasty remark concerning RADKAY to one of them. The informant stated that KAY did not pay much attention to RICKETTS, and was living with RADKAY a great deal of the time.

RADKAY and KAY stole a polo coat from an automobile in Cincinnati, and when they came back to Kansas City, RADKAY gave it to Informant No. 1 as it did not fit him. KAY spent a great deal of time in Cincinnati shoplifting for amusement. She has three good-looking fur coats, which are stolen (from where he did not know), and at one time she had them in storage in Kansas City with a friend. He did not know which warehouse this was in Kansas City, but stated the warehouse was sold within the past year, and she had trouble getting her furs back. It is noted that Informant No. 1 pawned this coat prior to the time he went into the Army at Uncle Sam's Pawn Shop in Kansas City, Kansas.

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Informant stated KAY RICKETTS has had some Italian "boy" about 25 or 26 years old around with her. He has seen him with her once, and this Italian came over to his trial in Kansas City, apparently to see what was going on. He and KAY have always communicated by letter, and they have been previously friendly.

As to the mob, the mob went to Cincinnati, Informant No. 1 stated that they had planned to rob some gambling joint in Newport, Kentucky. RADKAY told Informant No. 1 that he could reach him by letter by writing to SAM QUEBIN, care of General Delivery, Newport, Kentucky. This was why the mob was staying in Cincinnati. KAY came home a few days prior to the instant bank robbery in order not to be in town when the place was robbed. While the subjects were in jail in Cincinnati after their apprehension, KAY and Mrs. RADKAY went to Cleveland, Ohio to an unknown address and stayed there. KAY would run back and forth to Cincinnati to see SAM RADKAY and BEVER. She stayed in Cleveland because she was afraid she would become known if she stayed in Cincinnati.

On the night of the kidnapping referred to hereinafter, Informant No. 1 stated that he picked up RADKAY on 6th Street some place in Kansas City, Missouri, and that they got KAY and took her over to Kansas City, Kansas. They were trying to find where SAM and "RED" were, because RADKAY stated that SAM and "RED" had gone off and got drunk, and KAY was afraid that SAM would spend all his money. They then stopped off at 721 West 11th Street and went upstairs to the second floor and into the first or second apartment on the right. This apartment is known as "QUEENIE'S". Informant did not know this individual's last name and has not seen her. It is noted that this apartment building at 721 West 11th Street is the place where RICKETTS was arrested in the basement in March, 1943. Informant stated he knows that "QUEENIE" was used as a post office by the mob for a time, and may still be. This occurred about five or six days after instant bank robbery, and informant recalled that it was raining very hard on that night. Shortly thereafter RADKAY called Informant No. 1 from Leavenworth, Kansas, and told him that DIXIE GARRETT had some money of "RED'S", and that KAY had some money of SAM'S. "RED" got in touch by telephone with the woman DIXIE was living with, and instructed her to meet Informant No. 1 at Loew's Midland Theater in the mezzanine and turn over the money to him. DIXIE did this, and gave him an envelope containing the money. Informant No. 1 then drove by "QUEENIE'S", picked up KAY RICKETTS, and drove up to Leavenworth, where he met the three bank-robbers. He was present when BEVER opened this envelope, as was RADKAY, and they counted the money and there was only about \$500 in the envelope, whereas there should have been about \$900. RADKAY and BEVER both became furious and stated that they were "gypped" out of about

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\$400 or \$500. KAY RICKETTS told Informant No. 1 that she had about \$1700 for RICKETTS.

He had bought three pistols in Leavenworth, Kansas somewhere, which were .32-20's and didn't even have to sign for them.

At the time when the search for the fugitive was at its height in Kansas City about March 1, 1943, KAY RICKETTS wrote to Informant No. 1 and said "they" had been around and that he should be careful what he wrote her. Informant No. 1 stated he understood that "they" meant the police officers. Informant No. 1 stated that DIME GARNETT could probably get in touch with "RED" if she wanted to, and that "RED" was still very fond of her. He also added that in the summer of 1942 DIME was in Miami, Florida living with BUDDY O'NEILL, whom "RED" BEVER showed up down there. This was the cause of some trouble in Miami at the time.

Upon re-interview, Informant No. 1 stated that on the night of the kidnapping, RICKAY sent him to a place which he believed to be in the 700 block on Walnut, or some other similar street in Kansas City. This was an apartment house on the side of a hill. He went to this place and asked for KAY RICKETTS, and was told that she was not there. She then put in an appearance, and the two went off together. She laughed when he mentioned the fact that he had been told she wasn't there, and stated that those were instructions. The contact was made through a woman named Tess, who is a nurse and at that time drove a small convertible coupe, 1940 or 1941 model, which had a California license. When the three subjects went to St. Louis, Missouri prior to coming to Excelsior Springs, Missouri right after the bank robbery, they hired KAY through this nurse, and Informant No. 1 believes it to be also a post office.

Informant No. 1 stated that the trip made by BEVER and RICKETTS and the victim in the kidnapping, as will be set out hereinafter, to the Saint John Catholic Club in Kansas City, Kansas, was for the purpose of finding RICKAY, and that BEVER told him that he had gone into the club asking for RICKAY and had drawn a gun on all boys in the club!

Informant No. 1 advised that he believed the individual who had furnished the note with and was known as SLITTY. He believed this to be RUSSELL RUTH, whom the men attempted to contact on February 25, 1944, which attempt ended in a shooting scrape. This is A. J. SMITH, an inves-

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literator for the Quartermaster Depot, Independence and Hardesty. He stated that he did not know this to be so, and had never contacted the man himself, but that he heard them speak of SMITTY on numerous occasions and that RADKAY told him that is where he got his guns. The SMITTY he referred to he described as a big fellow, about six feet tall, weight 175 pounds, and about 35 years old. In 1940 or 1941 SMITTY worked at the courthouse at Independence and Prospect. In 1941 he gave RADKAY the keys to the basement to put some stolen goods there, and was acting as a "fence" for RADKAY. At that time SMITTY was driving a blue 1940 or 1941 Packard Coach or Sedan. He further added that GEORGE MAROON was well acquainted with "RED" and knew how to get in touch with him.

The original report concerning the interviews with Informant No. 1 are being retained in the file of this office.

At Excelsior Springs, Missouri

LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING, co-owner of King Brothers' Taxi Company, 211 South Marietta, telephone 440, residence Miller Avenue, telephone 450, without hesitation picked out the photographs of Subject BEVER and WILLIAM RADKAY as being the two individuals he picked up at the Elms Hotel last fall. The following statement has been prepared as told to the writer and Agent SCOTT by KING. This statement was not typed while the Victim was in the office, and accordingly he was not available to sign it. It will be shown to him subsequently. It is observed that Informant No. 1 insists that it was RICKETTS rather than RADKAY along in the taxi, however KING was positive in his identification of RADKAY. It is observed that RADKAY and RICKETTS bear no resemblance whatsoever.

"STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE WILLIAM KING

July 2, 1943

I, Lawrence William King, make the following voluntary statement to E. H. Adkins, Jr., whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sometime last year, I think it was during the fall before gasoline rationing went into effect, I received a call at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where I live and run a taxi business, to go over to the Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs and pick up two men, which I did. I received this call around 7:30 or 8:00. I drove them out to the Log Cabin Club, which is a night club out on Highway 69

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about a mile from town. They invited me in to the Log Cabin with them. I invited Selma Wanbiter to come over to the table which she did. She danced with both of the boys for a while and had some drinks with them. I have since been shown photographs of two persons, and I have identified them as first, Ralph Bever, and secondly, William Radkay. Bever was doing more drinking than was Radkay. Some other girl danced with them too, but I do not know who this one was, but I believe she is known to them.

About 9:15 the three of us left the Log Cabin and went back downtown, drove around for a few minutes looking for a grey '40 or '41 Plymouth, I believe it was. I went in first to the Royal Hotel looking for some fellow, whose name I do not recall, and then I went over to the Snags Hotel. Bever asked me to get two packages for him, but the desk clerk would not give them to me so he had to go in himself and get it. He had with him a small package that looked like a small portable radio which he came out with and engaged me to drive up to Kansas City. He left Excelsior Springs, Missouri about a quarter of ten PM and drove down to Kansas City, Missouri. Bever slept most of the way in the back seat, Radkay was sitting along side of me in the front.

We came into town on Highway 69 and then started west on the 6th Street trafficway. I am familiar with Kansas City, Missouri. We stopped for the stop light at 6th Street and Main and then started off. Just after we started off Bever from the back reached over into the front and put his left hand around my forehead and put what felt like a gun under my right ear. He told me then to pull over to the curb. I tried to do this immediately, but there was a car coming out away from the curb and I spun off to the left. Bever jabbed the gun into my head again and told me to pull over which I did. I stopped the car on the west side of 6th and Southwest on 6th Street trafficway and Bever got out of back seat got in the front seat with me in the middle and Radkay on the outside on the right of the car. Radkay then asked Bever why he did this and Bever replied that he was going to kill me. Radkay said this was silly and he was not going to let him do it. We crossed over the Intercity Viaduct from Kansas City, Missouri to Kansas City, Kansas and all the way they were arguing about killing me.



"We drove west on Minnesota Avenue three or four blocks after we got off the trafficway and then turned south for three or four blocks and then turned east for three or four more blocks. I have since viewed the place where we stopped that night with Special Agent Adkins, and I have identified it as a spot between north 4th and north 5th Street on Barnett Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, opposite the St. Johns Catholic School.

"Bever stopped the car, got out, and Radkay told him he was in no condition to go down "there". He did not say where "there" was and neither one of them indicated where Bever was going. Bever pulled out his gun and walked across the street north and into the alleyway leading between a couple of buildings at the Catholic School. I would judge that Bever was gone about ten minutes, but I cannot be positive of this, it might have been longer, but I am certain it was at least ten minutes. When he did come back, he had his gun in his hand. Radkay's gun was nickel plated and it was a revolver. It had a barrel about 3, 4, or 5 inches long. I believe that Bever's gun was also nickel plated but I cannot be sure of this. Radkay carried this gun in a shoulder holster and could get it out very quickly from his left side. While Bever was away, I asked Radkay how well Bever could shoot and Radkay asked me why, and I told him because I thought I was going to run away. Radkay said, 'No, don't do that, we cannot let you do that now, we can't let you go.' He also said that I should stay quiet and that he would protect me and see that I got away safely. He changed positions with me and put me on the outside on the right hand side. Radkay got in the middle. Bever came back and Radkay asked him something about how things went and Bever said that "they" would not listen to reason and he had to lay the gun on them. He gave no further explanation about who "they" were. We then drove a short distance east to north 4th Street, turned left on north and proceeded north to the Kansas City Inter-City Viaduct, turned right or east on that and went over into Kansas City, Missouri again. Bever was doing the driving all the time. On the way back across the bridge Bever was still in the mood to kill me and was arguing with Radkay about doing this. They turned to the right after crossing the bridge and drove down near the Holgers Coffee place around 6, 7, and 8th Streets, and up those dark back streets. Then we cut back over at

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about 9th or 10th and went over to Broadway and then went down south on Broadway to about 12th Street. I do not know why they were driving around circles as they were unless it was to find a dark place to kill me. We then drove down to 12th and Wyandotte where they got out of the car. It was by some restaurant there on the corner. Bever asked Madkey if he had paid me and then Madkey said he had, which he had just done. He paid me \$6.00 for the trip. I also recall that on the way back from the Kansas side to the Missouri side, he asked me what color his hair was. This was Bever. I told him that it might be black for all I knew because I was afraid if I said red, he might kill me because I might remember the color of his hair. Further Bever said just before they got out on 12th Street that I should go home and forget it, that they were going to let me go and that if I turned them in and they got picked up, somebody else would come back and get me. I also recall that when Bever came back to the car after he had left it and went into the Catholic Church on the Kansas side that he was not puffing or blowing and did not seem excited at all. He came back the same way he went in, that is, up the alley. During the night I noticed that they had quite a little money on them, that is, at least they had a large number of bills. They carried these bills in a flat billfold, open at one end which they carried in their inside coat pockets."

There is no reason to believe that KING will change his story, as he bears a good reputation in the town of Excelsior Springs. He is described as follows:

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| Date of birth  | 3-27-12 at Excelsior Springs                       |
| Height         | 5'10 1/2"  |
| Weight         | 160  |
| Eyes           | Light brown  |
| Hair           | Dark Brown   |
| Complexion     | Ruddy  |
| Marital status | Married; wife, VERA JACQUELIN FAYE; daughter age 7 |

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It is noted that KING was very positive of his identification of BEVER and RADKAY, and stated he would be willing to testify against them. He should make a good witness.

At the time LAWRENCE KING was being interviewed and viewing the photographs, his brother, CLIFFORD KING, presently in the United States Army as a Private, Army Serial #17029527, and is at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was present. He stated that on the Saturday night prior to his induction, which was on May 13, 1943, he picked up fugitive BEVER at the Log Cabin in Excelsior Springs and took him to the Palace Bar. He was certain that it was this man. BEVER was alone.

It was determined that THELMA VAMBISER is presently located at 5115 West, San Antonio Heights, Long Beach, California. It is noted that Victim KING advised that he had introduced THELMA VAMBISER to either RADKAY or RICKETTS and BEVER at the Log Cabin. She was out there at the time and was previously unknown to the pair. Both of them danced with her. There was another girl who likewise was introduced to the pair, and with whom they danced. KING could not remember her name, but advised that THELMA could undoubtedly do so. Both THELMA and this other girl are from Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

CHARLES BERRY, bartender at the Royal Buffet, viewed several photographs and picked out the photograph of subject BEVER as having been in there four to six weeks before on two or three occasions. He did not know where he was staying. He was in there with a woman who appeared to be about 30 years old, slender build, 5'2"-5'5" in height. He had no information about transportation or any conversation that might have taken place between the two. The individual identified as BEVER appeared to be closely observing everyone that came into the place and watching everything that went on. He seemed to be well dressed. BERRY was positive in his identification.

GAIL SACREY, night desk clerk at the Royal Hotel, stated that about six weeks ago an individual whom he identified from viewing several pictures as the fugitive BEVER came into the place around midnight and registered. He recalled him distinctly, inasmuch as this individual had no bags and was required to pay in advance. BEVER put up an argument about this having to pay in advance. A search of the records during that period which was fixed by CLIFFORD KING as the Saturday night prior to May 13, 1943, revealed that an individual whom BERRY stated was the one he had in mind,

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registered under the name of N. H. MOFFMAN. He was assigned Room 319 at the rate of \$1.50, and his arrival was indicated as 11:55 p.m. The date was stamped on the card as May 15, 1943. It is noted that May 15 was Sunday, and ROBEY stated that he did not recall but it was perfectly possible that he could have stamped this date on the card after changing it at midnight from May 15 to May 16, or Sunday morning. The original of this card is being forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the known specimens of SEVER'S handwriting. It should be returned to the hotel after being received from the Bureau.

JERRY ISO, owner of the Palace Bar, stated he was the only one working in this place who was there on May 15 or 16, 1943. However, he advised that WELLS YANBIBBER mentioned hereinabove was employed there at that time. He failed to identify the fugitive as having been in the place.

GEORGE LORD, owner of the Log Cabin, but at what is known as the "Y" on Highway 69, about a mile outside of town, advised he owned this establishment. He viewed several photographs, including those of the fugitive, and his companions, with negative results.

WILL WILLIAMS, cook at the Log Cabin, identified the fugitive SEVER as having been there about 2:00 or 2:30 a.m. the night before, which would be the early morning of July 2, 1943. His description as furnished by WILLIAMS, tallied with that of the fugitive. He stated he came into the bar alone, and that he noticed him because he kept pulling his hat down over his eyes and looking around and observing everyone in the place who came in. He had a sandwich and a glass of beer and left shortly afterwards. He did not know how he left.

RAY TINSLEY, white male, 18 years old and a dishwasher at the Log Cabin, recalled the individual, inasmuch as WILLIAMS had pointed him out to TINSLEY and remarked as to his peculiar actions. TINSLEY partially identified SEVER as having been this individual.

Accordingly, a surveillance was maintained at the Log Cabin by the writer and Special Agent SCOTT from 11:15 p.m. until about 2:30 a.m. on the evening of July 2, 1943 and the morning of July 3, 1943, with negative results. For the information of the file, the Log Cabin maintains its lunch counter open 24 hours a day. The dance hall portion is usually open until around 2:00 or 2:30 a.m. on week nights, and about 4:00 a.m. on Saturday nights. The liquor sales portion of the establish-

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ment stays open until 1:30 a.m. on week nights, and 12:00 midnight on Saturday.

The following day, June 3, 1943, upon instructions of Assistant Special Agent in Charge ROBERT L. MURPHY, the writer and Special Agents HAROLD L. SCOTT, RUSKIN R. LINES, and NICHOLAS CHARLES BOSTELL showed the photographs of the fugitive, RADKAY and RICKETTS at all of the hotels, rooming houses and bars, taxi cab stands and taxi drivers, bus and railroad stations, and night clubs in and around Excelsior Springs with negative results, other than as set out hereinafter. Thorough coverage of all employees was likewise made at the Elms Hotel, the Royal Hotel, and the Snapps Hotel, where the fugitives have been known to stay at various times.

JOHN LEWELING, taxi owner of the 700 Taxi, picked out the photographs of RICKETTS and O'DELL as two individuals who had been in Excelsior Springs during the summer of 1942. He recalled having hauled them in his cab several times and taking them to the "Y" Night Club and the Log Cabin night club. He stated at no time were there any women with them. He believes that they stayed at the Royal Hotel.

From the information contained in the file entitled: "WILLIAM RADKAY, was.; EARL O'DELL, was.; THE TWIN CITY STATE BANK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (Vol. 29, 1942); BANK ROBBERY", Kansas City File 91-447, it is observed that these two individuals robbed this Twin City Bank on May 21, 1942, and it appears likely that they came to Excelsior Springs for a few days to "cool off."

CLARENCE A. FAIR, proprietor of Dinnie's Dine and Dance, was interviewed. It is noted that FAIR'S nickname is DINNIE, and his place is often referred to as the East Gate. It is located about a mile east of town on State Highway No. 10. FAIR had been drinking at the time of the interview and was quite verbose. He stated that he was in CHARLES BLUMBER'S place downtown, which is located next to the Palace Bar, and that at about 2:00 p.m. on July 3, 1943, he asked BILL COOD, a bartender, to give him \$2.00 worth of nickels, which BILL could not do. About this time that he observed an individual whom he picked out of the photographs as the fugitive NEVE, give COOD a \$10.00 bill and ask for five nickels in change. He described him as a man in a loose light-weight shirt and dark slacks. His description tallied closely with that of the fugitive. He did not observe where the man went after he left.

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BILL GOOD, bartender at the Thompson Avenue Buffet, which is known as CHARLIE FUMBER'S place, viewed the photographs of the fugitives and recalled the incident referred to by MIKE. He picked out Fugitive BEVER as resembling somewhat the individual who was there about 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of July 3, 1943. He stated he had a few drinks of beer, as he recalls, and left. He was alone.

SOL RICE, bartender at Tom's Cafe Buffet, viewed the photographs as presented him and picked out the photographs of GEORGE HARROCK and the Fugitive BEVER as two individuals who had been in there that morning, July 3, 1943. They ate breakfast and had a couple bottles of beer, and asked him about the fishing at Gardner's Lake. This lake is located about two miles east of town. They asked him if they were catching any fish out there, and stated they were planning to go there for the week-end. RICE advised he did not see either one of them in the buffet during the afternoon, but that a large crowd was in all afternoon and it was very busy, and he easily could have missed them. His description of the fugitive and HARROCK tallied closely with that of the two. The individual identified as BEVER had on a blue coat and pants, and a heavy growth of beard, and HARROCK had on a light colored suit of some kind. He stated they were strangers and he had never seen them before. He was very positive as to his identification.

This information was communicated about midnight to Special Agent in Charge ROBERT L. MURPHY on July 3, 1943, who assigned Special Agent FRED LLOYD BRUGGIANI of this office to determine if HARROCK was at home. Without revealing his identity, Special Agent BRUGGIANI contacted GEORGE HARROCK at about 2:30 a.m. on July 4, 1943 at the Bonaventure Hotel, 2307 Independence Avenue, and found him in bed alone, and apparently asleep. HARROCK stated he had not been out of town any time during the last week; that he had been playing pinochle all day during July 3 at the Courtroom, by which he meant the Jackson County 8th District Court, 2532 Independence Boulevard, the courtroom of HARRY S. DAVIS, Justice of the Peace. During the evening, he claims to have been at the Viola Theater, 2417 Independence Boulevard. He advised that his wife was out of town visiting a relative in Kansas. He was not questioned relative to any contacts with BEVER, nor was any mention made of Gardner Lake. It appears the inquiry at the courtroom would undoubtedly be negative, as it is a well known hangout in Kansas City for hoodlums.

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge ROBERT L. MURPHY suggested that Gardner's Lake be checked at daybreak to determine if the fugitive and MURKIN had been there.

At about 8:30 a.m. July 4, 1943, C. S. GARDNER was interviewed. He stated that two fellows came out fishing at about 11:00 a.m. on the morning of July 3, 1943. One he described as a heavy-set fellow, who was considerably larger than the description of the fugitive BEVER, and the other a small skinny fellow. Both appeared to be Italians. He stated they met another man of small stature there, went fishing for a while, and left some time during the afternoon. These individuals have been coming to his place for several years, but he did not know their names. He stated they were from Kansas City. On viewing the photographs of the fugitives he definitely stated that neither one of these individuals were BEVER or MURKIN. They were wearing their fishing clothes and had fishing tackle when they arrived. He stated further that the only other place in this area where there was a fishing camp was at Sunshine Lake, located between Lexington and Richmond, Missouri. Upon checking this place, it was determined that this lake was several miles long, and that there were innumerable small fishing camps and farms in the arrangement, which would render the showing of photo quite impracticable at this time.

Third-day mail covers have been placed on the fugitive's father and mother, and his brother, GENE BEVER, and on KAY RICKETTS and DIXIE RICKETT. Plans to interview the subjects already incarcerated are not being set out at this time pending further investigation. Upon obtaining a photograph of KAY RICKETTS leads will be set out to conduct investigation in Cincinnati relative to her operations prior to the bank robbery. It has likewise been determined that DELBERT COHEN, who resided at 721 West 14th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, is no longer working at the Central Gas Company, but is working in some harvest field out in Western Kansas. It is noted that he resides at the same place where RICKETTS was apprehended.

Enclosure To the Los Angeles Field Division: One each stand-up photographs of KAY RICKETTS, BEVER and WILLIAM RICKETTS, and last photograph of SAMUEL RICKETTS.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Long Beach, California, will interview THELMA VANDERBEEK, 5115 10th, San Antonio Heights, and exhibit to her the photographs of BEVER, RIDLEY and RICHETTS, and develop all possible details concerning her acquaintances with them and events early in November, 1942, at the Log Cabin, which occurred immediately prior to the kidnapping of the victim. Will attempt to obtain the name of the other girl who was in the party at the Log Cabin. Will also determine if she saw BEVER when she was working in the Palace Bar during the middle of May, 1943. This information should be incorporated in a signed statement if possible.

Any information as to the fugitive's whereabouts should be solicited and his photographs should be exhibited in the neighborhood of this person.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Kansas City, Kansas, will interview the priest at Saint John's Catholic Church, located at 4th and Barnett, relative to the incident occurring early in November, 1942, where "RED" BEVER pulled his gun on a group of men at the Catholic Club at this place.

Will attempt to locate EARL SUTLER, supposed to be living in the 900 block of Grville Street, former girl-friend of RIDLEY and associate of EARL ETT LISON, likewise a former girl-friend of RIDLEY. The latter is supposed to be living now in Japan, in secret under a different name. Through marriage, and at one time was in possession of clothing belonging to RIDLEY.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview DEWEEN JOSEN, Apartment 2, 521 West 12th Street, and determine what he knew about SAMUEL RICHETTS being there on several occasions prior to his apprehension in the basement of this address. Will attempt to determine from him the "QUEENIE" is, and if living at that address, probably across the hall from him at the time of RICHETTS apprehension.

At the Kansas Professional Registry, will interview JENNIE STAPES, a nurse, 4942 Oak Street, and check the list of nurses registered there for anyone by the name of ROSE. If located, will attempt to deter-



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min. if this is the individual referred to by Informant No. 1 as being the post office for the mob.

Will discreetly attempt to obtain, without her knowledge, a photograph of ELY HICKETS for use by the Cincinnati Office.

Will contact Hilton's Tap room, 3511 Troost, to determine who BOB is, to whom LEVER is supposed to have given money early in November, 1942.

Will interview Mrs. VAUGHN, Drapery Department, John Taylor's Department Store, and find out where her daughter, DOROTHY VAUGHN PRUITT, is now living. DOROTHY is the first wife of the fugitive.

#### THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Lamont, Washington, will conduct investigation to locate JOHN W. PERRY, uncle of DIXIE GARETT, who has since moved. BILLIE and the fugitive visited him three or four years ago. Will show photographs of fugitive at Lamont to determine if fugitive has been there. This lead set out by letter dated July 3, 1943.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Informant No. 1 - JOHN SINGLETON, prisoner, Kansas State Prison, Lansing, Kansas. This individual was a close friend of MADKAY and was used as a post office and leg man by the mob. His name should not be revealed under any circumstances.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 91-342

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>                                    | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/15/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/22/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JACK H. BORDER</b> <span style="float: right;">VH</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, I.O. #1, <del>ET AL</del></b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>   |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information received that a **RALPH A. BEVER** was located at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, where he was stationed as a Private in the United States Army. Investigation reveals that Private **RALPH A. BEVER**, formerly connected with the 26th Division, was sent to the Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on March 15, 1943.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Atlanta Field Division to the Cincinnati Field Division dated April 1, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

Reference letter quoted a letter from a Mrs. JOHN B. GLEN, Glenarren, Chipley, Florida, under date of March 26, 1943, which was addressed to the Atlanta Field Division. In this letter Mrs. GLEN advised that she had read the Public Notice Bulletin of February 15, 1943, listing a man, **RALPH BEVER**, alias **RALPH BEVER**, having FBI No. 2413512, was wanted. In this letter Mrs. GLEN stated that she had written a letter to a Private **RALPH A. BEVER** at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, who claimed that he had been wounded in the Solomonis, was ill, his mother had died recently, and he had not received a letter for 7 months and would welcome one, even from a stranger.

On June 22, Captain J. B. DAVIS, Personnel Officer, Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, advised that **RALPH A. BEVER** had been sent to the Billings

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>[Signature]</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">76-4</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">27 JUL 19 1943</div> <div style="text-align: right; transform: rotate(-15deg); border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">RECORDED &amp; INDEXED</div> |
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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

at the Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana:

Will determine if Private RALPH A. BOWEN is identical with the subject in this case.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
707 U. S. Court House  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 3, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1866, et al.  
BOGARD FEDERAL INTERLOPER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

The letter to the Bureau dated March 12, 1943, from the Cincinnati Field Division setting out therein an interview with subject RICHARDS, it is observed that RICHARDS stated that BEVER would probably change his gold tooth, which is prominent, to a white one. It is observed that this gold crown is in the upper right front and that his teeth are generally bad.

Accordingly, it is suggested that the dentists in the Greater Kansas City Area, the Miami Area, the St. Paul and Minneapolis Area, and the St. Louis Area, be circularized, advising them of this fact. Attached hereto is a specimen circular letter for the Bureau's approval. It is further suggested that a flyer be prepared pertaining only to the fugitive BEVER, and that this flyer accompany each circular letter. It is suggested that the aforementioned areas be circularized, inasmuch as BEVER has operated throughout them from time to time. There are approximately 30 dentists in the Greater Kansas City Area.

It is further suggested that the standard photograph of BEVER be included in this flyer as his former wife, Mrs. [redacted], advised it is an excellent likeness. A copy of this photograph is being included herewith for the convenience of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
 707 U. S. Court House  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 July 3, 1943

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a silver inclusion a photograph and description of John W. Smith, who is now sought by this Bureau as an Escaped Federal Prisoner and bank robber. It is noted in his description that he has a gold crown in the upper right front part of his mouth. This tooth is being replaced.

Information has been received that he plans to have this gold crown changed for a white one, probably of porcelain or some other material. Smith has been known to be in this area from time to time. It is quite possible that he may contact you for the purpose of having this tooth replaced. In the event that he should contact you in the future, or has been seen by you in the past, kindly telephone or or call in or contact the following:

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Very respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **76-436 VH**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5/1,6/15/43</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>LESLIE A. HAUGEN</b>                                    |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE, et al.</b><br><i>5/18/43 [signature]</i>   |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br>Letters requesting assistance in the location of subjects sent to Police Departments in the State of Georgia. Information received that subject BEVER dated a girl in Americus during the time he was assigned to Fort Benning, Ga.  |                                  |   |  |
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| REFERENCE: Reports of John A. Reiter dated 2-13-43 and 2-24-43 at Cincinnati, Georgia.   |                                  |   |  |
| DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA</u><br><br>Upon receipt of a teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division advising of the escape of the subjects in this case from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, letters were sent to the Chiefs of Police at Valdosta, Macon, Rome, and Columbus, Georgia, requesting assistance in the location and apprehension of the subjects. When subjects CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR PATRICK PARSONS, WILLIAM ISAAC YARLEY and CARL E. STEVENS, were apprehended, these respective departments were advised with the request that they continue their efforts to locate the remaining fugitive.<br><br>On February 20, 1943, information was received that Mr. CARY, Assistant Fire Chief at Americus had seen subject BEVER. It was learned that subject was presently assigned at Fort Benning and he was thereupon interviewed by Special Agent STANLEY L. VAN BENSSELAER. According to information given by CARY, BEVER often times came to Americus to date a girl who lived there by the name of CHRISTINE SPORLY. According to CARY, CHRISTINE |                                  |   |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>[Signature]</i>   |                                  | AGENT IN CHARGE   |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br><br>3 Bureau<br>2 Cincinnati<br>2 Atlanta <i>612 17</i>   |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><br><b>76-9296-127</b><br><br><b>26 JUN 25 1943</b><br><br><i>[Signature]</i> |  |
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STONEY works or did work in the New York Cafe at Americus. CARY advised that there is also another girl by the name of ANN who lives in Americus who might have information concerning the subject. Upon being questioned, CARY stated he had not known SEVER to be around Americus since he went AWOL from the Army over a year ago. CARY advised that in the event SEVER should return to Americus, he would hear of it inasmuch as he was dating CHRISTINE STONEY and a girl by the name of ANN, last name unknown, lived in CARY'S neighborhood in Americus.

CARY advised that SEVER and another soldier whose name he did not know, used to go to Americus together and get dates with girls but he reiterated that he had not known of SEVER'S being in Americus since he went AWOL from Fort Benning over a year ago. CARY was unable to furnish any further information and was not believed expedient to contact him any further as he is now located at Fort Benning and would not be in position to secure much information concerning subject SEVER'S visits to Americus.

In view of the fact that SEVER has been known to visit the girls herein mentioned, it is believed that an investigation should be conducted at Americus to determine if any information of value can be secured with the idea in mind of placing appropriate mail covers. A review of the Atlanta file in this case does not reveal any further information of any pertinence and therefore the only remaining investigation appears to be at Americus.

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The ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Marietta, Georgia, will endeavor to locate CHRISTINE STORRY who reportedly works in the New York Cafe and interview her at length concerning her association with subject PEYER. Will endeavor to ascertain the identity of ANN who reportedly resides in the neighborhood where Assistant Fire Chief CARY resides and interview her in an effort to determine the whereabouts of the subject. A mail cover in this case should also be considered.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-607**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Chicago, Ill.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-20, 3-1, 6;<br/>4-1, 15;<br/>5-3, 20;<br/>6-4-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>PHILIP C. DUNNE PCD:FB</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER was.,<br/>FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RABKAY was.<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS was., et al</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Stop placed with Automobile, Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago 2-20-43 against 1935 Chrysler sedan, motor C-18-8092, Ohio license 242-AR, property of DR. CLOYCE WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio, stolen Cincinnati 2-16-43. Arrangements made with available "Underworld" informants for information tending toward location of subject BEVER.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Cincinnati to Chicago dated 2-17-43; report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio dated 2-13-43.

**DETAILS:**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On February 20, 1943, a stop notice was placed with the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, against a 1935 Chrysler sedan, motor No. C-18-8092, bearing Ohio license 242-AR, this car being the property of DR. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. This car was stolen by subjects from DR. WILSON at Cincinnati, Ohio on February 16, 1943. Periodic contact with the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau has failed to reflect any information with reference to the recovery of this automobile, and this Bureau will advise the Chicago office when it receives such information.

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Contacts have been made with available "Underworld" informants for the purpose of securing information as to the present whereabouts of subject BEVER, who is still at large. To date no information has been received from these informants.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **26-6151**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>LOS ANGELES</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6/17/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/14, 16/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>THOMAS W. CARROLL, JR.</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH REVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,<br/>I. O. #1269, et al.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation conducted at Ontario, California and Upland, California with negative results. I. W. SNAPE, Ontario, unable to furnish name of painter with whom REVER is believed to have worked in 1941.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 76-9296.

Report of Special Agent THOMAS W. CARROLL, JR., dated 5/1/43 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent EUGENE S. JONES, dated 6/1/43 at San Francisco, California.

**DETAILS:**

**AT UPLAND, CALIFORNIA:**

On June 14, 1943 the writer recontacted Mrs. J. D. WEST at 195 South Euclid. Mrs. WEST is the former landlady of subject REVER. She stated that she had not received any information regarding subject since she was last interviewed.

**AT ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA:**

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Special Agent JOSEPH I. O'NEILL, JR. and the writer recontacted Chief of Police H. W. SWINNEY, and he stated that he and his Department were on the lookout for subject BEVER but had not received any indication that BEVER was in this area. CHIEF SWINNEY furnished a photograph of subject BEVER that was taken by the Ontario Police Department in 1941 when subject was arrested for being in possession of a deadly weapon. This photograph is being maintained in the files of the Los Angeles Field Division.

Special Agent O'NEILL and the writer recontacted Mr. A. H. TRAVER, a civic leader in Ontario, located at 222 East A Street, telephone Ontario 621404. Mr. TRAVER was questioned as to whether or not there had been a painters union in Ontario, and he advised that there had not been such a union in Ontario. Mr. TRAVER was then asked about painters who were active in Ontario in 1940 and 1941. He stated that one HAROLD BARNON formerly resided at 829 East I Street in Ontario. He advised that BARNON recently moved from Ontario to Fargo, North Dakota. Mr. TRAVER stated that BARNON worked at the Pomona Fair Grounds in 1940 or 1941 and may have become acquainted with subject BEVER at that time.

Mr. TRAVER stated that although Mr. BARNON is a member of the ELKS, he does not bear an excellent reputation. TRAVER stated that he heard that BARNON returned to North Dakota by way of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he intends to reside permanently in Fargo, North Dakota. TRAVER stated that BARNON had transferred his ELKS membership from Ontario, California to Fargo, North Dakota.

Mr. TRAVER could not recall any other painters whose present whereabouts are known who are active in the Ontario area or were active there in 1940 or 1941.

The writer interviewed JOE SHAW, a cook at the ROCK-ETTE BAR-BECUE, located at Central and West A Streets near Ontario, California. The photograph of subject BEVER was displayed to SHAW and he identified BEVER as having been employed at this barbecue approximately three years ago. SHAW was unable to give any information as to subject's present whereabouts. He also stated that BEVER's wife, DIXIE, was also employed at this barbecue as a waitress in 1940.

The writer interviewed Mr. I. W. SHAFY, Proprietor of the ROCK-ETTE BAR-BECUE, and he recalled that subject BEVER had worked at the barbecue in 1940. Mr. SHAFY was questioned relative to the identity of the painter who solicited the job of painting the ceiling in the rear of his cafe, inasmuch as referenced report indicates that this painter was associated with subject BEVER. SHAFY was unable to recall the identity of the painter in this transaction. If he subsequently ascertains the identity of this painter, he will notify the Los Angeles Field Division.

Mr. SKAPT was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the subject inasmuch as he stated that he did not become well acquainted with subject.

Both I. W. SKAPT and JOE SHAN were apprised of the fact that subject BEVER was a federal fugitive, and the Harboring Statute was explained to both of these individuals. They agreed to cooperate in an effort to apprehend the subject.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE SIOUX FALLS FIELD DIVISION -**

**At Fargo, North Dakota,** will interview HAROLD PARSON, painter, who is believed to be acquainted with subject SEVER inasmuch as PARSON and subject are believed to have been employed as painters in the summer of 1941 at the Fair Grounds at Pomona, California. PARSON'S exact address can be obtained through the ELKS Lodge in Fargo.

**THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION -**

**At Ontario, California,** will maintain contact with Chief of Police H. W. SWINNEY for any possible leads regarding SEVER'S whereabouts.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
707 U. S. Court House  
Kansas City, Missouri  
June 9, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases-  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869, et al  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, FEDERAL  
ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Information has reached this office to the effect that Harry Ralph Bever, the subject in this case, has during the past two weeks enlisted in the Merchant Marines somewhere in California. The exact place where this enlistment took place or the name under which the subject enlisted is not known to the informant.

The original source of this information is unknown to this office, but the information was given this office by Russell J. Smith. It will be noted that this Russell J. Smith is the same person who was contacted by the fugitives Bever, Padkay, and Ricketts at the time they first came to Kansas City after escaping from jail in Cincinnati. Smith is known to have good connections with the criminal element in this vicinity and it is felt that there may be some value to this information.

Inquiry at the local Maritime Recruiting Station disclosed that all applicants for enlistment are fingerprinted upon reaching the training station to which they are assigned. Therefore, if the subject Bever has enlisted in the Merchant Marines, it would not be possible to state where his fingerprints would come from inasmuch as there is no set rule regarding which training station the volunteers shall be sent to.

It is respectfully requested that the fingerprint record of all volunteers for enlistment in the Merchant Marines for the year of from May 15, 1943 through June 5, 1943 be examined to determine whether or not the subject Bever enlisted in the Merchant Marines during this period, and that this office be advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

*Laurie Brantley*  
Laurie Brantley  
Special Agent in Charge



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

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| <b>TITLE</b><br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE, I. I. #1868, et al</b> |  |   | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b><br><b>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's family placed an ad in the personal column of the Kansas City Star on May 9, 1943. Father of subject advised that he would not turn the subject over to local law enforcement officials but would attempt to persuade him to surrender himself to local Army officials. GILBERT HENBERN, Chillicothe, Missouri, reported to have received information to the effect that subject is dead. Various persons contacted and interviewed without securing information of interest.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of HAROLD L. SCOTT dated Kansas City, Missouri, May 7, 1943.  
 Report of Special Agent CHILTON B. GIBSON, Washington, D. C., May 8, 1943.  
 Report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON, dated St. Louis, Missouri, May 11, 1943.

**DETAILS:** MR. OSCAR BEVER, father of the subject, was reinterviewed and stated that the subject BEVER had not contacted any members of the family. He went on to relate that he was very doubtful of the fact that the subject would attempt to contact members of the family due to the fact that the subject knew it would involve the family and bring about serious circumstances. MR. BEVER was very antagonistic and stated that the subject was a good boy, but that he was being made into a criminal by the fact of the publicity he had received and by the investigation being conducted by this Bureau. MR. BEVER also stated that if the subject should contact the family that he, MR. BEVER, would not inform this office of the fact but in turn would attempt to persuade the subject to surrender himself to military authorities. MR. BEVER

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went on and volunteered the information that on May 9, 1943 his wife, the mother of the subject, had placed an ad in the personal column of the Kansas City Star and hoped that the subject would read it and realize that the family had not lost faith with him.

The following advertisement appeared in the personal column of the Kansas City Star on May 9, 1943. It was ascertained these ads were placed by the fugitive's mother, MRS. OSWA BEVER.

"H. R. B.-Thinking of you. Love, Mom."

MR. FRED HEINRICH, who is a roomer at the residence of the subject's father, stated that the family very seldom made any mention whatsoever of the subject. He went on to relate that on a few occasions MRS. BEVER had broken down and cried violently and made remarks that she knew her son was dead and that she would never see him again. HEINRICH stated that on these occasions the family attempted to comfort her and assure her that he was still alive and sometime in the very near future they felt that subject BEVER would contact the family. HEINRICH also stated the reason he was living at the BEVER residence was due to the fact that he had just been looking for a room and this particular residence displayed a sign to the effect that a room was for rent, that he had inquired and rented the room. He went on to relate that he had no connection whatsoever with the family and that he knew none of their past history and the first time he realized the subject BEVER was a member of this family was when an article appeared in the Kansas City Star some months back. MR. HEINRICH also stated that if the subject should appear at this residence, and he should gain information to this effect that he would immediately telephonically contact this office and furnish the same. HEINRICH volunteered the information that the BEVER family were being forced to move from this residence but as yet they had not rented another house and when he would be informed of the fact of their new address that he would furnish the same to the Kansas City office.

MRS. JOHN BROPHY telephonically contacted this office and advised that she had information that would lead to the apprehension of the subject BEVER. She was contacted at the Rosedale Bath House and Hotel, 303 South Mill Street, Kansas City, Kansas and advised that she had contacted this office when she was under the influence of alcoholic beverages. She then went on to relate that she had spent the period of eighteen days at the Leeds Work Farm located at Leeds, Missouri and while there another inmate of this institution by the name of VIRGINIA WESTON had informed her that when she left the Leeds Farm that she could immediately contact RED BEVER. MRS. BROPHY continued by saying that she had tried to very diplomatically secure additional information

from the said VIRGINIA PRESTON but had failed in her attempt.

VIRGINIA PRESTON was interviewed by Agent JOHN B. WHITE and the writer and stated that she had no connection whatsoever with the subject and in fact did not know him, that the only knowledge she had of the case was what she had read in the newspaper. He also stated that she was committed to the Leeds Work Farm on February 10, 1943 on a charge of highway robbery.

The record of the Leeds Work Farm substantiated the statement made by VIRGINIA PRESTON in that it revealed that she was admitted to this farm on February 10, 1943 and would be released on June 6, 1943. Under these circumstances it is very doubtful that VIRGINIA PRESTON could have any information as to the present whereabouts of the subject.

MRS. DIXIE GARRETT, 3029 Harrison, former wife of the subject, advised that she had not received any information whatsoever of the subject's whereabouts and if the same was secured that she would immediately telephonically contact this office.

MRS. FANNY JAMES, 2106 College Street, who had previously informed this office that she felt that the subject would attempt to contact her because of the relationship between the subject and her son BUDY ODELL. She advised that on the night of May 27, 1943 she felt that the subject had attempted to contact her. When questioned as to why she felt this, she stated that about midnight of May 27, 1943 she heard someone coming up her back steps. And that when she called and asked who it was, the person stopped and a few minutes started again. She then made the statement that she had a gun and was going to shoot; the party involved again stopped and a few moments again began his advance up the stairs. She stated she then called the police department and informed the person coming up her steps of this fact. She went on to relate that soon members of the police department arrived, that they made a search of the backyard of her premises but no one was found. She then stated that the reason she felt that this was NEVER was the fact that he had always acted in strange and mysterious ways, that he would have been bullheaded enough not to answer her inquiries in order that he might be admitted to the house without allowing the fact to be known to the occupants of the residence who reside in the ground floor apartment. MRS. JAMES also stated that this was the only time any one had attempted to contact her but that she still felt that the subject would sometime in the very near future attempt to contact her either by telephone or in person and if this did occur she would immediately notify the Kansas City Office.

On May 26, 1943 an anonymous phone call was received by the Kansas City Office to the effect that MRS. OSWA BEVER, mother of the subject,

had received a long distance telephone call on Mothers Day, May 9, 1943, another on May 23, 1943, and one on May 25, 1943 over the telephone number Logan 6643. It was ascertained that this number was the number of MRS. BLANCHE HALING of 106 East 33rd Street, who is an informant of this office in regards to the BEVER case. It was later ascertained through Confidential Informant T-1 that these calls have been received from a MRS. SCOTT BROWN of Mill Grove, Missouri. In a review of the file, it was noted that MRS. SCOTT BROWN has the only telephone in Mill Grove, Missouri and that all long distance calls originating from this township are placed over her phone. It was also noted in this review that relatives of MRS. BEVER reside in Mill Grove, Missouri. It was later ascertained that a MR. GREEN, father of MRS. OSWA BEVER, mother of the subject, had passed away on May 25, 1943; that the various phone calls placed to MRS. BEVER were in regard to the condition of her father.

MR. MILTON B. MILAM, Oak Grove, Missouri, advised that he was on very friendly terms with MRS. BLANCHE HALING and that he had attempted to secure information from her if she knew the whereabouts of the subject. He stated that on all occasions he denied having any knowledge whatsoever and stated that if she had the same she would immediately inform the FBI. MRS. MILAM continued by saying that MR. GILBERT NEWBERN, a guard at the Girls Home at Chillicothe, Missouri, had informed him that the grapevine information at this institution was to the effect that the subject was dead. When questioned as to what basis MR. NEWBERN had for such a statement, MILAM replied that he did not know and had attempted to press NEWBERN further into the discussion but that he, NEWBERN, had declined.

MR. KENNETH CONKLIN, 4521 Prospect, who was on very friendly terms with the subject and had given the subject \$10 during the time that he was in Kansas City, advised that he had not received any additional information. It is to be remembered that CONKLIN was the subject of a harboring case in this office because of the fact that he had given the subject \$10 and is still under the impression that this case is being considered although at the present time it is in the closed files of the Kansas City Office. CONKLIN advised that he would immediately start discussion with regards to the subject's whereabouts among the customers of the College Inn, the place of his employment and former rendezvous of the subject.

MR. JEFFERSON TURNER, 3009 Deery Street, who is a former friend of the subject, advised that he has been keeping in contact with the various acquaintances of the subject but as yet had not learned of any information that would be helpful in locating the subject BEVER. MR. TURNER went on to state after RICKETTS and RATHAY were captured there was much talk in and around the Paris Inn, former hangout of RICKETTS, RATHAY and BEVER, but that within a week this talk had died down and since that time there has not been any discussion whatsoever.

He continued by saying he would continue his efforts in order to learn the present whereabouts of the subject and if the same was secured he would immediately contact this office.

MR. C. A. STUART, Assistant Chief Clerk, Railway Mail Service, District #8, furnished the work record of THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, subject's brother, which revealed that he had been in constant employment by this office and had not taken any annual leave. MR. STUART continued by saying that should THOMAS EUGENE BEVER take any excessive amount of leave that he would immediately contact this office in order that EUGENE BEVER's whereabouts might be ascertained. It is to be remembered that THOMAS EUGENE BEVER contacted the subject BEVER while he was incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail at Cincinnati, Ohio.

MRS. CARMEN ODELL, wife of BUDY ODELL, called this office and advised that she was proceeding to the state of New York to visit her husband who is incarcerated there. MRS. ODELL stated that she would attempt to ascertain if subject BEVER had tried to contact her husband and if she learned of any information whatsoever that she would inform this office. MRS. ODELL also advised that in all probability upon her return she would continue to Dallas, Texas. But if this were to be the case, she would inform this office of her new address.

JOHN SINGLETON, a friend of the subject's, was interviewed by Agent SCOTT in Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas and related that he did not know the present whereabouts of the subject. SINGLETON advised that he thought BEVER had approximately a \$1000 which he had left with a friend. But SINGLETON could not give any information as to who this friend might be.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, will maintain contact with KENNETH CONKLIN, 4521 Prospect, a bartender, College Inn, who is attempting to secure information to the subject's whereabouts.

Will maintain contact with BLANCHE HALLING, 106 East 33rd Street, who is a daily visitor at the home of the subject's mother.

Will maintain contact with JEFF TURNER, 3009 Beery Street, who is attempting to secure information in regard to the subject's whereabouts.

Will maintain contact with RUSSELL SMITH, Chief Investigator, Quartermaster Corps Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the party that was first contacted by the three subjects who at the present time is continuing his efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of the subject BEVER.

Will maintain contact with all local law enforcement officers and keep them informed of the present developments of this case.

At JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, will contact WILBERT NEWBERRY, a guard of the Jails here, who stated that he had information to the effect that the subject was dead.



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant T-1, William S. Gray of the legal department of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, who asked that his name not be divulged.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case originated at: **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

File No. **91-581**

Report made at:  
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Date:  
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Report made by:  
**EUGENE S. JONES** E.S.J.

Title:

**HARRY RALPH SEAFY, was - FUGITIVE**  
**I. O. #1269, et al.**

Character of Case:

**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS**  
**FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**  
**BANK ROBBERY**  
**NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT**

**SYNOPSIS:**

A. E. SEAFY has not been seen since fall of 1941. Subject acquainted with several painters in Ontario, California, and I. W. SEAFY, same city, can furnish their names.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 75-9296.  
Report of Special Agent THOMAS W. CARROLL, JR. dated 5/1/43 at Los Angeles, California.

**DETAILS:**

**AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:**

Lieutenant KING, Naval Reserve Air Base, Oakland Municipal Airport, was interviewed and advised that A. E. SEAFY, Cook, Second Class, was transferred several days ago to the Naval Air Station, Livermore, California.

Approved & Forwarded

Special Agent in Charge

*E. S. Jones*

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AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA:

A. E. SEAPY, Ships Cook, Second Class, United States Naval Air Station, was interviewed and advised that the subject had worked for him for approximately six months during 1940 and 1941. He stated that the last time he saw the subject was in the fall of 1941 and at that time subject was residing in an auto court on East Eight Street, near the city limits of Oterrio, California, with his wife DIXIE.

SEAPY stated that to his knowledge subject was not connected with any unions while residing in Oterrio, California, however he associated with several painters. He was unable to recall any of the painters' names, however, stating that his parents, I. W. SEAPY, who reside on Central and West A Streets, Oterrio, could furnish the information of the painter whom the subject worked for while in Oterrio. He stated that this painter had contacted him and his parents relative to painting the ceiling in the rear of the cafe. Mr. SEAPY advised that his parents would be able to furnish any of the agents the name of the painter who was trying to do this job.

He further advised that he was not very well acquainted with the subject and did not go around with him. He was unable to furnish any of the names of anybody that the subject was acquainted with except one ANDY WALKER who has already been interviewed in the reference report.

He stated that subject used to be an amateur boxer in Kansas City and also worked as a bell hop in the same city. While the subject was in Oterrio, California, he was arrested for carrying concealed weapons.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

AT OTERIC, CALIFORNIA:

Will interview Mr. I. W. SEAPY, Central and West A Streets, relative to the painter who was endeavoring to paint the ceiling in the rear of the cafe. When this information is obtained, will interview the painter for any information he may have concerning the subject.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH REVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,<br/>I. O. #1869, et al</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indiana State Police advised they had not received any further information in Scottsburg regarding subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent ELISS MORROW dated March 22, 1943 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated March 20, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:**

Lieutenant Detective DONALD WYNN was contacted on May 5 by Special Agent GEORGE R. FLETCHER, and he advised at that time that he had received no further information regarding the subject from Mrs. BEN SIMON of Scottsburg, Indiana. He advised that he would immediately contact the Indianapolis Field Office if he should receive any information of value regarding the subject.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was.,<br/>FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869, et al</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS,<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.</b>       |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ARTHUR and CLARENCE PARSONS both indicted on one count by April term of Federal Grand Jury, Cincinnati, Ohio, charging violation of Section 753H, Title 18, U.S.C. No logical leads have been developed by Cincinnati Field Division concerning whereabouts of SUBJECT BEVER.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated March 20, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CINCINNATI, OHIO**

The records of the Clerk of U. S. District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, reflected that CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS were indicted by the April term of the Federal Grand Jury, Cincinnati, Ohio on one count charging violation of Section 753H, Title 18, charging that CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS were on the 23rd day of November, 1942 duly and legally convicted in District Court of the United States, Southern District of Ohio, charged with crime of transporting a girl, VIVIAN WHILLIS, in Interstate Commerce, whom they had heretofore seized, kidnapped and carried away by force and violence from Aberdeen, Ohio to Lexington, Kentucky and were thereupon

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adjudged by said Court that they each be given to the custody of the Attorney General for 75 years and said CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS were placed in the care and custody of one CHARLES H. Sisson, U. S. Marshal, Southern District of Ohio and were confined as prisoners of the United States in the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, pending outcome of an appeal from said judgment of conviction which the said CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS have filed in United States Circuit Court of Appeals for Sixth Appellate Circuit and pending conveyance by U. S. Marshal to such institution as the United States Attorney General may direct.

It was further reflected that on or about the 12th day of February, 1943 in the city of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, while said judgment and sentence were in full force and effect and while they, CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, were prisoners sentenced from said District Court of the United States confined in the County Jail, Hamilton County, Ohio, they did then and there wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully, and feloniously break the City Jail by then and there assaulting and slugging guards with a heavy mop wringer and locking the guards, three prisoners, and the Jail matron in jail cells and by means of force, breaking said jail, CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS escaped therefrom and went at large.

No logical leads have been developed by the Cincinnati Field Division with regard to locating FUGITIVE, HARRY RALPH BEVER, in instant case.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION**

**AT SCOTTSBURG, INDIANA**

Will follow all logical leads concerning relatives of SUBJECT RALPH BEVER looking toward apprehension of SUBJECT BEVER.

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

**AT KANSAS CITY, MO.**

Will follow all logical leads which may lead to apprehension of SUBJECT BEVER in that it is believed that he is still in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas.

**THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION**

**AT NEWPORT AND COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

Will maintain close contact with Confidential Informants looking toward information which may assist in locating the FUGITIVE, RALPH BEVER.

**THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION**

**AT CINCINNATI, OHIO**

Will follow and report preventive action of

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ARTHUR and CLARENCE PARSONS for violation of Section 753H, Title 18, U.S.C.

Will maintain contact with Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JACOB SCHOTT for any information coming to their attention concerning whereabouts of SUBJECT REVER.

Will also follow and report prosecutive action of SUBJECTS RADKAY and RICKETTS for violation of Section 753H, Title 18, U.S.C.

Will maintain close contact with various confidential underworld informants looking toward information leading to apprehension of SUBJECT REVER.



400 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

May 12, 1943

Director, FBI.

Re: APPREHENSION ORDER #1811-834  
IDENTIFICATION ORDERS #18  
1870 and 1871

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office one hundred and ten copies of A.O. # 1811-834 on JOHN HARRY T. CHASE. Also furnish us with twenty additional copies of I.O. #1870 on SAMUEL RICKETTS, and twenty-five copies of I.O. #1871 on WILLIAM ISAAC MADKAY.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE, SAC

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>                                      | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5-23-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5-21-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERALD C. SWELL</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>SLC</b></span>   |
| TITLE<br><b>DOUGLAS EDWARD DAVEN, W.O.O., FUGITIVE,<br/>I. O. 1869, et al.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>SAVING REPORT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>SECURITY FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FUGITIVE ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The results of 30-day mail covers placed on Mrs. DOROTHY DOWLING, Burton, and Mrs. WEA ISAACS, Des Moines, both Iowa, set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file #76-9896.  
Report of SA GERALD C. SWELL, Des Moines, 5-23-43.

**DETAILS:**

**AT DES MOINES, IOWA:**

The following is the result of a 30-day mail cover placed upon WEA ISAACS of 3810 10th Street, Des Moines, Iowa:

| Return Address  | Addressee                 | Footnote                                     |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| Brotherhood of Maintenance<br>of Way Employees Journal<br>Detroit, Michigan | D. W. ISAACS<br>3810-10th |  |
| Republican Times<br>Trenton, Missouri                                       | D. W. ISAACS              |  |
| Mill Grove, Missouri  | Mrs. D. W. ISAACS         | March 27, 1943                               |
| G.I.O.N.<br>290 E. Broadway<br>New York, N.Y.                               | Mr. D. W. ISAACS          | N.Y., N.Y.<br>Furnish STOR<br>March 29, 1943 |
| Holland P. Co.<br>1719 Main St.<br>Trenton, Missouri                        | Mrs. D. W. ISAACS         | March 29, 1943                               |

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| Return Address  | Addressee                | Postmark                          |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Des Moines, Iowa  |                          | April 5, 1943                     |
| Mrs. O. Sover (Mother)<br>115 E. 33rd<br>Kansas City, Mo. | Mrs. D. W. ISAACS        | April 16, 1943                    |
| Holland Furnace Co.<br>Trenton, Mo.                       | Mr. D. W. ISAACS         | April 15, 1943                    |
| E. W. Chandler<br>1534 Cedar St.<br>Trenton, Mo.          | Mr. D. W. ISAACS         | April 19, 1943                    |
| H. L. Sims<br>Birmingham, Tex.                            | Mrs. BEA ISAACS          | April 21, 1943                    |
| No return   | Mr. & Mrs. DANIEL ISAACS | R. Island Train<br>April 20, 1943 |
| Green, Box 316<br>Ft. Madison, Iowa                       | Mrs. D. W. ISAACS        |                                   |
| R. W. Cross<br>Trenton, Mo.                               | Mrs. ISAACS              | April 21, 1943                    |
| Maintenance of Way<br>R. R. Bldg.<br>Trenton, Mo.         | Mr. D. W. ISAACS         | April 22, 1943                    |
| E. W. Chandler<br>1534 Cedar St.<br>Trenton, Mo.          | Mrs. ISAACS<br>Personal  |                                   |
|   | D. W. ISAACS             |                                   |

The following is the result of a 30-day mail cover placed against Mrs. DOROTHY BOWLING, 212 East 3rd Street S., Newton, Iowa:

| Return address                                      | Addressee             | Postmark |
|---|-----------------------|----------|
| Miss Darly Nicky<br>906 Eastlawn<br>Iowa City, Iowa | The Gorgeous Bowlings |          |
| Marjorie Howell<br>U.S. Coast Guard<br>California   | Dorothy Bowling       |          |



**Return Address**

9 S. Locust St.  
Calfax, Iowa

Mrs. Bond Green  
Mill Grove, Mo.

**Addressee**

Mrs. Downing

Bertha Downing

**Postmark**

It is to be noted that a letter was received by Mrs. MDA ISAACS on April 21, 1943, from M. L. SIMM of Birchwood, Tennas. A thorough check of the United States Official Postal Guide fails to disclose the fact that there is such a city in Tennas, therefore an undeveloped lead is being set out to ascertain the identity of SIMM.

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**- FUGITIVE LEADS -**

Will discreetly determine the identity of the persons who reside at the places listed in the report under "Return addresses", and which are set out as undeveloped leads under each field division. It should be noted that it may be possible that fugitive BOWER may be hiding out at one of these addresses, therefore any investigation that is deemed advisable should be conducted at these addresses in an effort to locate BOWER.

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

**AT HILL GROVE, MISSOURI**

Mrs. BENA GREEN.

**AT TOWNSHIP, MISSOURI**

Holland Furnace Company.  
E. W. CHANDLER, 1534 Cedar Street.  
R. W. CRANE

**THE IOWA DIVISION FIELD DIVISION**

**AT CORRAL, IOWA**

9 S. Locust Street.

**AT FORT MADISON, IOWA**

Green, Post Office Box 316.

**AT IOWA CITY, IOWA**

Miss DARLY RICHY, 906 Madison.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 76-516

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma                         | DATE WHEN MADE<br>5-21-43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>5-19-43 | REPORT MADE BY<br>MERRILL L. HUTCHINS                                |
| TITLE<br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, W. As.,<br>FUGITIVE, I.O.#1869, ET AL |                           |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Edna Blackburn, supposed to be visiting in home of H.C.Waller, Checotah, Oklahoma, never at his home, but is using Mrs. Waller as a mail drop to keep her former husband, William Blackburn, from finding her. Mr. and Mrs. Waller know nothing of her possible connection with the subject. Mrs. Blackburn is a schoolgirl friend of Mrs. Waller and they have seen each other only twice in last 35 years. Presently located at Waco, Texas, General Delivery.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Harold Look Scott, dated 5-7-43 at Kansas City, Missouri.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. WALLER, Route 2, Checotah, Oklahoma, with whom EDNA BLACKBURN, mentioned in the referenced report, was supposed to be visiting, advised that Mrs. BLACKBURN had never come to their home to visit. Mrs. WALLER said that Mrs. BLACKBURN is an old schoolgirl friend of hers and that she has only seen her twice in the last thirty five years, the last time being last September when there was a school reunion at Pleasant Valley, near Iola, Kansas. She said at that time Mrs. BLACKBURN told her that she was having trouble with her husband, WILLIAM BLACKBURN.

Mrs. WALLER said that the next time she heard from Mrs. BLACKBURN was on April 29, 1943, when she advised her that she was leaving the Hollywood Hotel in Kansas City, and stating that she was going to Waco, Texas, General Delivery. She also said that she was having her mail forwarded from Kansas City to Mrs. WALLER, so that Mrs. WALLER could forward

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it on to her at Waco, Texas. In this way she hoped to keep her husband from getting in touch with her.

Mrs. WALLER said that Mrs. BLACKBURN is rather eccentric but she had attributed it to family trouble. Mrs. WALLER said that she knew of no one that Mrs. BLACKBURN would try to contact but a hired hand who used to work on her farm between Benton, Missouri and Stillwell, Kansas. She said that she could not remember the man's name, but that he was a World War I veteran and lived somewhere in Texas. Mrs. Waller thought that Mrs. Blackburn might be in Texas now trying to contact him. On May 13, 1943, Mrs. WALLER received the following letter from Mrs. BLACKBURN at Gen. Delivery, Waco, Texas:

"Dear Pal,

I might also get a letter Edna Bird; you see we have a paper, people contact each other, and I made the biggest mistake of my life last summer by not answering back. Haven't rec'd any mail yet here, bad floods. Hope you folks well, don't worry about me. If you can help, I will be so happy.

'Old Buddy'

Mrs. WALLER said that she was unable to give any information concerning the reference to the paper for contacts, nor who was to be contacted. She also said that she was not familiar with anyone by the name of GRACE DUGAN, A.M. and/or G.M. DUGAN.

Following is a description of Mrs. BLACKBURN according to Mrs. WALLER:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Date of Birth: | Feb. 12, 1892 |
| Hair:          | Blond         |
| Eyes:          | Blue          |
| Height:        | 5'2"          |
| Weight:        | 120           |

Mrs. WALLER went on to say that she is a very religious person, being a follower of the 4 Square Gospel Church.

A copy of the report of Special Agent Harold Lusk Scott, dated 5-7-43, at Kansas City is being enclosed for the San Antonio Office for background information.

ENCLOSURE

TO SAN ANTONIO: One copy of above mentioned report.

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, was

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION

At Waco, Texas

Will contact Mrs. Edna Blackburn, General Delivery, and interview her regarding the possibility of her contacting the fugitive. It should be remembered she is possibly an eccentric individual, and that it is not desired she be advised of the manner in which it was ascertained she was placing the advertisements as set forth in the referenced reports. She should be questioned in reference to the use of the names Grace Dugan, A.M. and/or G.M. Dugan.

This lead should be expedited as it is not believed Mrs. Blackburn will remain at Waco for any length of time.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**ALBANY, NEW YORK**

May 13, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS;  
WILLIAM ISAAC KATKAY, WAS;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS;  
Avondale Branch, Second National Bank,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942  
BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
SELECTIVE SERVICE  
FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
JOHN A. REITER dated March 23, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio, wherein  
an undeveloped lead is set out for the Albany office to contact  
law enforcement officers and advise them that Subject RICKETTS  
has made oral admissions with his associate HARRY BUDEN COELL  
whose activities are well known to the law enforcement agencies  
in New York State.

A review of the criminal record of RICKETTS reflects  
that his only arrests are in the Buffalo territory in New York State.  
Therefore, a copy of reference report is being forwarded to the  
Buffalo Field Division and this matter is being considered referred  
upon completion to the office of origin by the Albany office.

Very truly yours,

A. C. CONNELLEY, JR.  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-280** **MM**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>HUNTINGTON, W. VA.</b> | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5-16-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-14, 18-43</b><br><b>4-18-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>ROYD V. SHEETS</b> |
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**TITLE** HARRY RALPH SEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC MADKAY, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
 SALVUS RICKETS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
 CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE

**CHARACTER OF CASE**  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 2-14-43 contacts established to cover attempts of Subjects to return to Parkersburg, W. Va. On 2-13-43 Huntington was advised of apprehension of two PARSONS brothers.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Cincinnati dated 2-13-43.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**

Upon receipt of the reference teletype steps were taken to cover the possibility of the PARSONS brothers seeking refuge with members of their family at Parkersburg, West Virginia. The following persons agreed to notify this office immediately should any knowledge come to their attention concerning the return of the two fugitives: Confidential Informant T-1, BURL D. DEER, Postmaster, Fort Neal, West Virginia, O. C. BOWLES, West Virginia State Police stationed at Parkersburg, "DOC" C. SMITH, Proprietor of the Broadway Drug Store in South Parkersburg, Mrs. ROY LOCKHART, neighbor of the Subjects mother, Mrs. MARY PARSONS.

On 2-18-43 the Huntington Field Office was advised of the apprehension of the two PARSONS brothers and this case therefore is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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Confidential Informant T-1 is a

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April 29, 1943

MR. NICHOLS

Re: HARRY RALPH SEVER, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, IS #1249, et al,  
BANK ROBBERY - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS -  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum  
prepared by Division VI regarding the above fugitive for  
possible use in connection with the FBI Law Enforcement  
Bulletin. There are also transmitted herewith photographs  
of this subject.

Very truly yours,

A. Rosen

*Cabin  
May 1943  
Bull. 1249  
Original with  
Bull. 1249*

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Piper
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease

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# MEMORANDUM

Bank robbery, jail break, kidnaping, auto theft, assault and desertion from the United States Army, all within the space of a few months, were isolated among the criminal exploits of Harry Ralph Sever, twenty-six year old gunman, who is called "Red" by his associates. This lucky, red-haired desperado is being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on charges of bank robbery, escape and interstate transportation of stolen automobiles.

Sever is the only member still at liberty of a ruthless trio of thugs who robbed a bank in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became known as the Happy Hour Gang in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, where all three were captured after Red Sever had brutally shot a soldier in the head at the Happy Hour Cafe when he was taunted for not being in uniform himself. Later, these three hoodlums broke out of jail at Cincinnati in company with two counted kidnaper-rapists and terrorized various communities from Cincinnati, Ohio to Kansas City, Missouri, where Sever's two companions, William Isaac Radway and Samuel Ricketts, were recaptured by FBI Agents and local police.

Sever has thus far eluded capture and a nationwide manhunt is being conducted by the FBI to bring about his early apprehension.

Red Sever enlisted in the U. S. Army at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on February 28, 1942, and was sent to Camp Kellers, Texas. He went A.W.O.L. on May 11, 1942, but reported back to Camp on May 24, 1942. He was court-martialed and given thirty days in the guardhouse.

After his release he was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, as a cook and on August 3, 1942, he again went A.W.O.L. He changed into civilian clothes and traveled to Miami, Florida where on August 9, 1942, he met William Isaac Radway and Samuel Ricketts, whose address he had received by letter from one "Daddy" Mall, a member of a gang of robbers in New York.

About three weeks later these three headed for Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon their arrival there about September 1, 1942, they registered at a local hotel using fictitious names. About a week later they moved to an apartment and began to look around for a prospective holdup victim, preferably a bank.

Radway stole a Plymouth automobile and stored it in a private garage. About October 1, 1942, Sever and Radway burglarized a hardware store from which they stole an automatic shotgun and two double-barreled shotguns. At their apartment they sawed off the barrels and cut down the stocks of these guns.

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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Piper  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Plans were laid to hold up the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, and on October 24, 1942, the three hoodlums "aced" this bank. On October 30, 1942, Bever and Radkay stole a Chevrolet automobile and on Saturday morning, October 31, 1942, Radkay went out and purchased a rifle. They packed their belongings at the apartment in readiness for a quick departure and about seven o'clock that night they drove in the stolen Chevrolet through a blinding rainstorm to the victim bank.

They masked their faces with handkerchiefs and entered the bank. Brandishing guns Bever and Radkay vaulted the partition into the bookkeeper's cage, Ricketts standing guard at the door with a shotgun. Employees and customers were ordered to the floor by Bever while Radkay accepted the money from the cash drawers into his shirt. They hurried out of the bank and sped away abandoning the Chevrolet about a mile from the bank where they transferred to the stolen Plymouth. They returned to the apartment about 8:30 P.M. where they counted the loot amounting to \$6,374.00 and split it three ways.

About ten o'clock the same night they left Cincinnati in the stolen Plymouth driving to St. Louis, Missouri, and then to Leavenworth, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. Radkay and Ricketts soon left Bever in Kansas City and after a couple of days Bever caught a train to Omaha, Nebraska, where he stopped briefly and then proceeded on to Minneapolis, Minnesota to join Radkay and Ricketts again.

At about 10:30 P.M. on November 23, 1942, a U.S. Army Sergeant on leave entered the washroom of the Happy Hour Cafe, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was followed shortly by Bever who inadvertently dropped his gun on the floor. As he bent over to pick it up Bever remarked "I'm a tough guy" and added a threat to shoot the cafe proprietor daring anyone in the place to evict him. The Sergeant remarked that if Bever was so tough he should be in the Army. At that point Bever drew his gun from the holster and shot the Sergeant through the jaw. He warned the porter to keep quiet and walked back into the cafe telling his woman companion and a soldier who had been drinking with them that they were leaving.

These three took a taxicab to another bar where they had a drink and then proceeded to Bever's hotel room where Bever instructed the soldier to return to the cafe to determine the condition of the sergeant who had been shot. The soldier returned to the Happy Hour Cafe and reported to the police who had arrived to investigate the shooting. He furnished information as to the probable location of Bever, Radkay and Ricketts, with all three of whom he had become quite friendly.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Police immediately proceeded to arrest these three, each of whom was staying at a different hotel. Bever and Ricketts were arrested without difficulty but at the hotel

where Radkey was located his woman companion engaged the arresting officers' attention momentarily while Radkey slipped out of his coat, made a break and jumped out of a second story window landing on the sidewalk below where he was taken into custody badly injured.

It was determined that all three prisoners were carrying fictitious Selective Service registration cards and were in possession of over \$1600.00 in cash. The questioning of these men and their three women companions by local police and FBI Agents led to a confession by Bever that he had shot the soldier at the cafe.

Information was also developed leading to the location of a Plymouth automobile which proved to have been stolen in Cincinnati, Ohio. A search of this car revealed a repeating rifle, three sawed-off shot-guns, a .38 calibre revolver and 17 license plates from five different states. A .32 calibre Colt automatic pistol was found in Bever's room; a similar automatic pistol was in the possession of Ricketts when he was arrested and Radkey had a larger pistol on his person and a .45 calibre Colt automatic in his room.

It was ascertained that all three had made a trip from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, and return in the stolen Plymouth automobile and a complaint was filed before a United States Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, by an FBI Agent charging all three with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in connection with this interstate transportation of the stolen car.

Photographs of the prisoners were forwarded to the FBI Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, and identifications were made by witnesses positively establishing Bever, Radkey and Ricketts as the armed robbers of the Avondale Branch Bank. They were then released by the Minnesota authorities to the custody of the Federal Government and were removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 15, 1942, to face bank robbery charges outstanding there against them. Complaints had been filed by FBI Agents before a United States Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 30, 1942, charging them with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute.

While incarcerated at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, Bever, Ricketts and Radkey became friendly with Clarence and Albert Parsons, Brothers, who had been sentenced by the United States District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 23, 1942, to serve seventy-five years each for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. At approximately 3:20 P.M. on February 12, 1943, these prisoners plugged up a drain and partially flooded their cell block. They called for a guard and demanded a mop which was furnished by a trusty who then called a Deputy Sheriff.

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The Deputy brought a mop bucket and opened the main cell gate which in turn unlocked individual cells occupied by Sever, Ricketts, Madney and the Parsons brothers who immediately rushed the Deputy, overpowered him, removed his keys from his person and locked him in a cell. Three of the prisoners proceeded to another cell block where they overpowered another Deputy and then waited at the main cell gate until the turnkey opened the gate. He was attacked and beaten into unconsciousness.

They entered an office and forcibly placed the dispatcher in an isolation cell. A prison patron was also locked up and then all five prisoners took an elevator to the fourth floor of the county building where they forced an employee to direct them to the first floor. They struck him several times and jumped out of a window to a garage roof from which they dropped to the ground.

They ran to the nearest intersection and dragged a man and his wife out of their car and drove away in it. The car owner immediately notified the police. This car was seen abandoned and another was stolen. The latter was seen in Eden Park and pursued by a police officer who fired at the fleeing prisoners but they eluded him and then wrecked the car and abandoned it escaping on foot. A police blockade around the park proved fruitless.

Complaints were promptly filed on February 12, 1943, by FBI Agents charging Sever and the others with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

Sever, Madney and Ricketts separated from the Parsons brothers shortly after the prison break. On the night of February 16, 1943, a Cincinnati doctor left the Bethesda Hospital and went to a nearby parking lot for his car. A man, later identified as Madney, approached the car stating, "We want to see you, Doc." As the doctor opened the car door Sever appeared and pushed his way into the front seat. The doctor blew the car horn but when the bandits threatened to cut his throat he obeyed Sever's instructions to get into the rear of the car with Ricketts. Sever then took \$60.00 in currency from the doctor's billfold along with his A and C ration books and the doctor was forced to lie on the car floor while the car was driven through town.

When they stopped they ordered the doctor to accompany them into a house and took him to the basement where they robbed him of another \$30.00 and forced him to lie on the floor while Sever bound him with wire. They left shortly thereafter and the doctor was seen able to free his hands. He dragged himself up the basement steps where he secured a stick of wood which enabled him to hobble across the street where neighbors called the police.

On February 17, 1943, officers of the Cincinnati Police Department arrested Clarence and Albert Parsons in an abandoned house in the outskirts of Cincinnati in the company of two minor girls.

On February 18, 1943, the kidnaped doctor's wife and the Cincinnati Police Department received anonymous notes postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, advising that the doctor could be found tied up in the basement of a vacant house. Diagrams were set out to aid in locating the place.

The three thugs had driven to Louisville, Kentucky, in the Chrysler automobile stolen from the doctor. After a couple of weeks they headed toward Kansas City, Missouri, in a Pontiac they had stolen at Louisville. Exhaustive investigation by the FBI and local officers resulted in definite information that Ricketts and Haver and probably Radkay were in the Kansas City area. Information was developed that they might appear at a certain address in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 26, 1943.

The fugitives appeared but they eluded capture when they drove their car over the curb and down the sidewalk amid gunfire from riot guns, rifles and revolvers. They collided with a police car, crashed into a brick wall and finally escaped on foot after wrecking the car against a tree. This car proved to be the Pontiac they had stolen in St. Louis, Missouri, and numerous articles belonging to the previously kidnaped Cincinnati doctor were recovered from it.

The subjects succeeded in making their getaway by stealing another automobile but the police and Agents of the FBI continued to close in and on March 1, 1943, two alert FBI Agents recognized fugitive Radkay on a Kansas City street and promptly took him into custody. Immediate investigation resulted in locating the hotel where Radkay and his two companions had been hiding out but the latter had again made a getaway.

Inquiry continued throughout the night and at dawn on March 2, 1943, officers of the Kansas City Police Department accompanied FBI Agents on a raid of an apartment building at which time fugitive Ricketts was arrested when found hiding in the basement of this building.

On March 4, 1943, Radkay and Ricketts were returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, and on March 19, 1943, were sentenced in United States District Court to twenty years each for violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute and five years each for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, these sentences to run concurrently.



The indictment with respect to Bever on these same charges remains outstanding. An intensive nation-wide search is being conducted by the FBI and local law enforcement agencies to bring about the early apprehension of Bever as the fifth and last member of the escaped gang.

It has been reported that Bever becomes irrational when under the influence of liquor. In addition to the shooting of the soldier at Minneapolis, Minnesota, it has been ascertained that while Bever was A.W.O.L. from the U.S. Army in May, 1942, he approached a patron in a bar in Kansas City, Missouri, and without provocation assaulted him, slugging him from behind. This victim was carried away in an unconscious state never having seen his attacker but witnesses identified the assailant as Bever.

**A description of this fugitive follows:**

**Name and aliases:** Harry Ralph Bever, with aliases;  
Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever,  
Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry  
James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red"

**FBI NUMBER:** 2,413,512

**DESCRIPTION:**

Age, 26 years, born September 13, 1916, Mill Grove,  
Missouri  
Height, 5 feet, 9 3/8 inches  
Weight, 175 pounds  
Eyes, gray-green  
Hair, red, wavy  
Complexion, ruddy  
Build, medium stocky  
Race, white  
Nationality, American  
Education, 2 years high school  
Occupations, cook, laborer, bell hop, porter  
Scars and marks, tattoo, double heart and letters "RED"  
right arm, 4 small scars right wrist, vaccination  
left arm, 1/2 inch scar right upper lip, scar left side  
neck and lobe left ear  
Familiarities, bushy red eyebrows, 1 gold crowned tooth  
upper right, teeth in poor condition, occasionally wears  
rimless glasses, DANGEROUS

**RELATIVES**

Uma Bever, father  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. Blanche Mae Green Bever, mother  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dixie Dean Carrot, divorced wife  
3029 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

Thomas Eugene Bever, brother  
3424 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

**CRIMINAL RECORD:**

As Harry Ralph Bever, #37095, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 29, 1941; charge, investigation; disposition, released, March 31, 1941.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #7194, arrested Police Department, Ontario, California, August 17, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California.

As Harry R. Bever, #48886, arrested Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California, August 19, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon, disposition, 75 days.

As Ralph Harry Bever, #37095, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, February 8, 1942; charge investigation; disposition, released February 9, 1942.

As Ralph Bever, #13046, arrested Police Department, Terre Haute, Indiana, September 23, 1942; charge, U.S. Army deserter; disposition, released to U.S. Army, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

As Larry Dugan, #34865, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #35117, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, robbery; disposition, released to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #1442, arrested U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #—, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 3, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged county jail, escaped February 12, 1943.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as Harry Ralph Bever with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile



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in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

An indictment in two counts was returned by a Federal grand jury at Cincinnati, Ohio, at the February, 1943, term charging subject Harry Ralph Bever and others with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that they unlawfully transported a stolen automobile from Cincinnati, Ohio, through the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, and thence to Minneapolis, Minnesota, knowing same to have been stolen and also charging subject Harry Ralph Bever and others with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in that they did on or about October 31, 1942, unlawfully rob the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging subject as Harry Ralph Bever with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

SL FILE NO. **91-657**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>                           | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5-11-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-27, 29, 31; 4-1/15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 30-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWARD M. WETTON VM</b>                                  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1869; ET AL.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Surveillance conducted, pursuant to Bureau instructions, at St. Louis Post Office 4-3-43 to 4-12-43, inclusive, with negative results. Mail cover placed on ISABELLE FRICKELTON negative. CHARLES HOMER in interview advised he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau, but stated he had no knowledge of FRICKELTON's contacting any Federal fugitive. ISABELLE FRICKELTON in interview advised she met BEVER, RADKAI, and RICKETTS on a pick-up at the St. Moritz Cafe in St. Louis for several hours around the middle of November, 1942. She stated she had never met them before, nor has she heard from them since that date. FRICKELTON positively identified the pictures of BEVER, RADKAI and RICKETTS. She also promised utmost cooperation with this office in the event BEVER attempts further contact with her. St. Louis Police Department contacted relative to BEVER with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter to Bureau from St. Louis dated March 30, 1943.  
Teletype from Bureau dated April 2, 1943.  
Letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau dated April 2, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON dated April 13, 1943 at St. Louis, Missouri.  
Letter to the Bureau from the St. Louis Field Division dated April 14, 1943.

**DETAILS:** AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI --

This report is based upon a joint investigation conducted by Special Agents EDWARD M. WETTON and HOMER NIELSEN-HINDS.

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Pursuant to Bureau instructions contained in teletype to this Field Division dated April 2, 1943, a newspaper ad as set out in the letter from the Cincinnati Field Division dated March 19, 1943, was inserted in the morning and evening editions of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and St. Louis Post-Dispatch in the exact manner given by RICKETTS when interviewed at Cincinnati. In connection with this a continuous surveillance was maintained at the main Post Office located at 18th and Market Streets for ten consecutive nights between 8:45 and 9:15 p.m. from April 3, 1943 to April 12, 1943, inclusive. However, no contacts were made, nor was the fugitive BEVER observed in the vicinity of the Post Office.

In connection with the investigation a mail cover placed upon the residence of Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON, Apartment "I", Cathedral Court Apartments at 4366 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, failed to reflect any correspondence with subject BEVER either under his name or aliases. The mail cover reflected an occasional letter written by several girlfriends and several bills from local merchants in St. Louis.

CHARLES ADAMS HOMER, 6341 Washington, was interviewed and advised that he has known ISABELLE FRICKELTON for approximately six years and stated emphatically that he has had no knowledge of Miss FRICKELTON's contact with subject BEVER. He admitted spending considerable time with her in her apartment over weekends and stated that he had never seen any correspondence directed to her by the subject BEVER either under his given name or the aliases used by him.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON dated April 13, 1943 at St. Louis wherein an undeveloped lead is set out to interview Cabby J. STEWART of the Black and White Taxi-cab Company for the purpose of ascertaining the passenger that he carried on March 22, 1943 from FRICKELTON's address to 4512 McPherson Avenue. Through Mr. HOMER it was ascertained that Miss FRICKELTON knows one HELEN SHAPIRO residing in Apartment 3-E at 4512 McPherson who is a close friend of Miss FRICKELTON and is known casually by Mr. HOMER. This information was subsequently verified in the interview with Miss FRICKELTON and, accordingly, the undeveloped lead set out in the referenced report is being disregarded.

It was observed during the interview by the interviewing Agents in this case that Mr. HOMER appeared somewhat perturbed as to this incident and admitted to the Agents that he did not desire any publicity regarding Miss FRICKELTON and the possibility that she might have contacted a Federal fugitive. He stated that his father before him had enjoyed an excellent reputation with the Missouri-Portland Cement people and that his family

was prominently known in west St. Louis. He further added that he, at the present time, had a very sick mother who was practically an invalid and that any adverse publicity now would probably kill her. Interviewing Agents HINDS and WETTON assured Mr. HOMER there was no reason to fear any adverse publicity and suggested that if he would in any way notice any suspicious correspondence that FRICKELTON would have or if she had ever mentioned her contacting any fugitive, he would immediately report such an occurrence to this office and that his name would be kept confidential. Mr. HOMER was cautioned by the Agents to refrain from advising Miss FRICKELTON that he had been interviewed by Agents of this Bureau because if, in the event that Miss FRICKELTON were contacting a Federal fugitive, he would be indirectly involved along with Miss FRICKELTON for possible harboring of a Federal fugitive. Mr. HOMER advised that he would be glad to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event he noticed anything suspicious.

Subsequently Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON was interviewed at her apartment at 4366 Lindell Boulevard by the reporting Agent and Special Agent ROBERT NIELSEN HINDS. It was ascertained that FRICKELTON was born in Panama City, Illinois about twenty-eight years ago and had worked in various department stores in St. Louis and at the time she met BEVERS she was employed by BOND's. BEVER, using the name of DUGAN, came into the store and wanted to purchase men's shirts with French cuffs for himself. According to Miss FRICKELTON, he appeared to be well and conservatively dressed. After waiting on him she went into a neighboring confectionery for a "coke" and DUGAN followed her in. During the course of the conversation DUGAN made arrangements with her to meet her when she got off work at 5:00 o'clock. After 5:00 o'clock she met BEVER and they went into the St. Moritz Bar and at this time BEVER was accompanied by one of his associates. After they had been seated at the bar the third fugitive joined the party. All three fugitives seemed to have considerable money and said that they were F.B.I. narcotic Agents working on a drug ring in the city of St. Louis. They argued considerably among themselves and all said that they were anxious to get out of St. Louis that night. They apparently had an automobile and from their conversation Miss FRICKELTON gathered that they wanted to go to Cincinnati or Cleveland, but wrangled very much among themselves as to which place they would go.

Upon the photographs of all three fugitives being exhibited to her, Miss FRICKELTON readily and without any hesitation recognized them and specifically commented upon BEVER's red hair and the scar on his face. A list of the aliases used by these fugitives was read to her and Miss FRICKELTON stated that BEVER used the name of DUGAN and RICKETTS used the name of GEORGE WASON. She could not recall the name used by RADKAY, but was certain that he had not used his given name.

Upon direct questioning, Miss FRICKELTON stated that almost all of the arguing among the three as to where they were going and when centered primarily between BEVER and RADKAY with RICKETTS more or less sitting on the side and saying nothing. All told, Miss FRICKELTON stated that she had not spent more than two or three hours in the company of BEVER and the remaining two fugitives. She also advised that she fixes the time of this meeting with the fugitives a month before she left Bond's Clothing Store, figuring it to be shortly before Thanksgiving of last year. This would seem to be correct in view of the fact that this office has determined that BEVER, RADKAY, and RICKETTS were staying at the Mayfair Hotel November 19, 1942 under the aliases of GEORGE MASON which was SAM RICKETTS.

Miss FRICKELTON was most emphatic in denying that she has ever seen or heard of or from BEVER since the incident above-mentioned, either by mail or by phone. In the latter instance she advised that BEVER possibly might locate her by looking in the city directory. However, he could not call her, since she did not give him her phone number which is unlisted.

The provisions of the Federal Harboring Statute were brought to Miss FRICKELTON's attention by Agents WETTON and HINDS and she was greatly alarmed at her having been associated even for such a short time with the subjects. Without reservation she promised the utmost cooperation with the Bureau and agreed to notify the St. Louis Field Division immediately if BEVER should attempt to re-contact her in any way.

It is noted here that the information contained in the letter forwarded from the Cincinnati Field Division to the Bureau under date of March 19, 1943 relative to BEVER's being in the St. Louis area and the information relating to the fact that he might dye his hair and obtain a defense job, was forwarded to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police and the Missouri State Highway Patrol through Detectives CHARLES MAUPIN and LEE DICKSON of the Central District, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. At the date of this report this office has been in receipt of no information from the Police Department.

It is also noted that arrangements have been made in this Field Division for the removal of the wanted notices placed with both the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol in the event that subject BEVER would be apprehended in another Field Division.

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| <b>REPORT MADE AT</b><br>NEW ORLEANS, LA.   | <b>DATE WHEN MADE</b><br>5/6/43 | <b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b><br>3/1, 25/43 | <b>REPORT MADE BY</b><br>S. EARLE HOBBS                                     |
| <b>TITLE</b><br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE;<br>WILLIAM ISAAC RABEAY, was, FUGITIVE;<br>SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE;<br>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;<br>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE.   |                                 |  | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |
| <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b><br><p style="text-align: center;">Indices, New Orleans Field Division reflect no information whatever concerning the subjects of this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCES:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated 2/13/43 at Cincinnati, Ohio<br/>                 Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated 2/22/43 at Cincinnati, Ohio<br/>                 Bureau letter dated May 1, 1943 to all offices<br/>                 Bureau teletype to all offices dated 3/3/43.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA</u></p> <p>In connection with this case attention is also directed to a report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTRAY, dated December 14, 1942 at St. Paul, Minnesota in case entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RABEAY, was - FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE; AYOONALE BRIANT, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42". This report bears the character "BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, and FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT." In Special Agent WESTRAY's report, copies of which were directed to all continental field offices, it was requested that each office check its files with a view toward determining whether the subjects of that case had ever been connected or involved in crimes in their respective divisions.</p> <p>Referenced Cincinnati reports likewise makes substantially the same request with regard to the subjects of this case, it being noted that they escaped from the Hamilton County Jail at Cincinnati on February</p> |                                 |  |   |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b><br/> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> </div> </div>  |                                 |  |   |
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Pursuant to the above leads a check of the New Orleans Indices was made against the subjects' names and aliases with negative results.

It should be noted herein that the second Cincinnati report of reference reflects the apprehension of the subjects PARSONS, whereas referenced Bureau teletype to all field divisions dated March 3, 1943 advised of the apprehension of the subjects RILEY and RICKETS.

It should be pointed out that the Bureau by letter dated March 1, 1943 furnished this field division with five smooth finished copies each of the photographs of fugitives RILEY, RICKETS, and BEVER.

There being no further investigation to be conducted in this case in this field division, it is being REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| <b>REPORT MADE AT</b><br><b>LOS ANGELES</b>                                     | <b>DATE WHEN MADE</b><br><b>3/1/43</b> | <b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b><br><b>3/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1/2/43</b> | <b>REPORT MADE BY</b><br><b>THOMAS W. CARROLL, JR.</b>  |
| <b>TITLE</b><br><b>HARRY RALPH DYER, w.o.s. - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1269, et al.</b> |  |   | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b><br><b>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b><br><b>BANK ROBBERY</b><br><b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation in Los Angeles area reveals that subject DYER resided in Upland, California in 1940 and 1941 and has not been seen in this area since that time. Numerous relatives and friends interviewed with negative results. LAPD and Ontario, California P. D. are on alert for subject.

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DEFINITE RECORDING

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 76-2296.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, dated 2/13/43.

Teletype to Bureau dated 2/23/43.

Teletype from Bureau dated 2/24/43.

Letter from Bureau dated 3/1/43.

Teletype from Bureau dated 3/3/43.

Report of Special Agent WELLIS EMANUEL MANSON (A), Kansas City, dated 3/20/43.

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| <b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED</b><br>  | <b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b><br> | <b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b><br><div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">76-9496-1000</div>   |
| <b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b><br>2 - Bureau<br>Cincinnati (1 - U. S. Attorney, Cincinnati)<br>San Francisco<br>Kansas City<br>Los Angeles |                                    | <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">14 MAY 10 1943</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">INDEXED</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">EX-24</div> |



Report of Special Agent DANIEL F. MC MILLAN,  
St. Paul, dated 4/1/43.

Report of Special Agent HAROLD LOOK SCOTT,  
Kansas City, dated 4/3/43.

#### DETAILS:

Upon receipt of the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, dated February 13, 1943, the writer contacted Captain JACK BONHAM and Detective Lieutenants A. C. STRIMWELL and EARL E. ROSSMAN, of the Robbery Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department, and requested them to be on the alert for any information regarding the possible whereabouts of subject HARRY RALPH BEVER. These officers have been on the alert for any such information and at the present time are endeavoring to develop leads regarding subject BEVER.

In the teletype from the Bureau dated March 3, 1943 the Bureau advised that subjects RADWAY and RICKETS had been apprehended and that subject BEVER was still at large.

In a letter from the Bureau dated March 1, 1943 this office was furnished with five smooth finished copies of the photographs of subjects RADWAY, RICKETS and BEVER. Such photographs are being retained in the files of the Los Angeles Field Division.

In the referenced report of Special Agent WILLIS EMANUEL MANSUR certain leads were set out for the Los Angeles Field Division at Upland, California.

#### AT UPLAND, CALIFORNIA:

On March 30, 1943 the writer interviewed Mrs. J. D. WEST, at 193 South Euclid, telephone number Upland 314-360. Mrs. WEST stated that subject BEVER (I. O. #1869) had been known to her as "RED" BEVER. She stated that she had heard on the "Gangbusters" program that he was in serious trouble. She stated that to the best of her knowledge RED BEVER came out to Upland, California in March, 1940. At that time JACK FORD, formerly of Kansas City, was residing at her home. She stated that JACK FORD and RED BEVER had been acquainted in Kansas City, and as a result, RED BEVER immediately moved into her home. Mrs. WEST stated that she and her husband were formerly residents of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. WEST advised that FORD'S wife and BEVER'S wife came to Upland, California about May 1, 1940 and that they also moved into her residence. Mrs. WEST advised that RUD and his wife, DIXIE, drove from Upland, California to Kansas City, Missouri in BEVER'S automobile on or about September 1, 1940. While RUD was residing in Upland, California he and his wife were employed at the ROCK-ETTE BARBECUE, which is located at the intersection of Central Avenue and U. S. Highway 99, between Pomona, California, and Ontario, California. At this establishment BEVER was employed as a cook and his wife was employed as a waitress.

Mrs. WEST stated that as far as she knew, BEVER remained in Kansas City until April, 1941, when he returned to Upland, California and again resided at her home. She stated that he obtained employment at the Pomona Fair Grounds as a painter and also obtained odd jobs spreading beet straw in the orange ranches near Upland. Mrs. WEST stated that on October 21, 1941 RUD BEVER returned to Kansas City, Missouri in an automobile driven by HERBERT FORD, who resides at 3119 Tracy Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. WEST also returned to Kansas City in this automobile. She stated that she last saw BEVER in Kansas City in November, 1941 just before she returned to Upland, California.

Mrs. WEST was of the opinion that BEVER was a very likeable individual. She did not believe that he was engaged in criminal activities when she knew him. Mrs. WEST advised that she had developed a considerable liking for subject BEVER and that he used to send her greeting cards and appeared to look upon her as his "adopted mother". However, Mrs. WEST fully realizes the difficulties that BEVER is now in and has agreed to immediately notify the Los Angeles Field Office if she obtains any information relative to his whereabouts. The Harboring Statute was carefully explained to Mrs. WEST, and she advised that she fully realizes its consequences.

Mrs. WEST stated that she believed that BEVER remained in Kansas City from November, 1941 until he entered the United States Army in 1942. She stated that BEVER corresponded with her until about July 1, 1942, when he failed to answer her letters. Mrs. WEST stated that she was not acquainted with any of the other subjects in instant case.

Mrs. WEST stated that her husband, J. D. WEST, is employed at the War Loan Quartermaster Depot, United States Army, at War Loan, California.

Mrs. WEST was unable to furnish the names of any individuals

in or near Upland, California who might be contacted by subject BEVER. She also stated that she did not know the name of the individual whom BEVER worked for at the Pomona Fair Grounds. She pointed out that those Fair Grounds are now occupied by the United States Army. She stated that she did not believe that subject was a member of any union while he lived in Upland, California.

Mrs. WEST advised that she has a son named GURTH WEST, who is presently a Private in the United States Army and who is stationed at Camp White, Oregon. She stated that she is certain that her son does not know that RED BEVER is in trouble and she is also of the opinion that BEVER does not know that her son is in the United States Army. Accordingly, no lead is being set out to interview Private WEST at this time.

Mrs. WEST was recontacted personally by the writer on April 30, 1943 and stated that she had obtained no additional information regarding RED BEVER. She again promised to immediately notify this office of any new developments.

#### AT ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA:

On March 30, 1943 the writer contacted Mr. A. E. TRAYER, Wholesale Representative of the WHITE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY, at 222 East A Street, Ontario, California, telephone number Ontario 621-404. Mr. TRAYER is a World War Veteran and maintains a record of all enlistees in the United States Navy in Ontario, California. He was contacted in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of A. E. SKAFF, proprietor of the ROCK-KITE BARBECUE. SKAFF is BEVER's former employer. It was ascertained that SKAFF is presently a Ship's Cook, 2nd Class, at the Naval Reserve Air Base at the Oakland Municipal Airport, Oakland, California.

It is noted that in the referenced report of Special Agent NELLIS EMANUEL JAMSON it is stated that one ANDY WALKER, Ontario, California, was reported to be a friend of subject BEVER. It was ascertained that ANDREW WALKER is presently a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army, being a Supply officer at March Field, California. WALKER resides at 143 West C Street, Chino, California, telephone number Chino 9431.

Photographs of subject BEVER were displayed to Mr. TRAYER inasmuch as he is well known in the community. Mr. TRAYER was unable to furnish information regarding BEVER, but he agreed to immediately notify this office in the event he obtains any information regarding

Subject.

The writer contacted Chief of Police H. W. SWINNEY, of Ontario, California, telephone number Ontario 61151, and furnished Chief SWINNEY with photographs of subject BEVER. The writer pointed out to Chief SWINNEY that subject BEVER had been arrested by his department on August 17, 1941 on a charge of exhibiting a deadly weapon. Chief SWINNEY advised that he was aware of the fact that subject BEVER is badly wanted, and he agreed to endeavor to develop information regarding BEVER'S whereabouts.

The writer telephonically contacted 2nd Lieutenant ANDREW WALKER at Chico, California, and he advised that although subject BEVER had never resided at his home, he had been a good friend of BEVER'S when the latter resided in Upland, California. Lieutenant WALKER stated that BEVER was a likable individual and did not display any criminal tendencies during the time that he knew him. The Federal Harboring Statute was carefully explained to Lieutenant WALKER and he advised that he knew his duties in this regard and he would immediately communicate with this office in the event he obtained information regarding BEVER.

WALKER stated that shortly after he entered the Army in March, 1941 BEVER visited him when he was stationed at Camp Callan, near La Jolla, California. At that time he believed BEVER was employed as a painter at the Pomona Fair Grounds. Lieutenant WALKER stated that his Army serial number was O-1542261 and that he is presently stationed at the Station Hospital, March Field, California. He stated that since BEVER visited him at La Jolla, California in 1941 he has not seen or heard from the subject.

#### AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA:

In a letter dated March 16, 1943 the Kansas City Field Office advised that one LEON CLEVENGER is a former friend and school mate of subject BEVER and that CLEVENGER presently resides at 6127 1/2 Rugby Road, in Huntington Park, California.

Special Agent NATHANIEL R. JOHNSON interviewed LEON CLEVENGER in Huntington Park. The latter stated that he last saw BEVER in the fall of 1941 and that at that time he, CLEVENGER, was employed at the HARRY JOHNSON MOTOR COMPANY, Fifteenth and No One Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. CLEVENGER stated that at the time of this visit BEVER was accompanied by BULLY O'NEIL. CLEVENGER knew that O'NEIL had a criminal record. At that time BEVER wanted to borrow CLEVENGER'S car, but he, CLEVENGER, refused. CLEVENGER then offered to get BEVER employment, but BEVER declined the

offer. CLEVENGER stated that he had not seen or heard from BEVER since this visit in the fall of 1941.

CLEVENGER advised that he came to California about eight months ago and that he is presently working for the BYRON AND JACKSON MOTOR COMPANY, located at the intersection of Santa Fe and Vernon Avenue, Huntington Park, California. CLEVENGER stated that he had heard of BEVER's trouble over the "Gangbusters" program and that BEVER was a deserter from the United States Army.

The Harboring Statute was carefully explained to LEON CLEVENGER and he promised to immediately notify the Los Angeles Field Office if he should obtain any information regarding BEVER's whereabouts.

#### AT SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA:

In a letter dated March 30, 1943 the Kansas City Field Office advised that subject's father, OSHA BEVER, had received a letter from Mrs. EVA HOWARD, of 97 South Hermosa, Sierra Madre, California, telephone number Custer 55912. It was stated that Mrs. HOWARD is a niece of subject's father.

Special Agent NATHANIEL R. JOHNSON and the writer interviewed HARRY A. HOWARD and EVA HOWARD, husband and wife, at 97 South Hermosa, in Sierra Madre, California. Mrs. HOWARD stated that she is the cousin of subject BEVER. Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD stated that they were considerably embarrassed due to subject's criminal proclivities and that they would do everything in their power to effect subject's apprehension. Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD stated that they had purchased copies of the Kansas City papers in an effort to follow the investigation conducted for subject, and they stated that they had hoped that he had already been apprehended.

Mr. HOWARD stated that he is a postal employee stationed at the branch Post Office in Los Angeles, California located at 719 South Spring Street.

The Harboring Statute was explained to Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD, and they stated that they would be anxious to cooperate in this matter. Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD stated that on one occasion, believed to be in the spring of 1941, RUD BEVER and DIXIE BEVER, subject's wife, came to their home in Sierra Madre for Sunday dinner. At this time subject and his wife were residing in Citaris, California. Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD stated that this was the last time that they saw subject, and they advised that they had not heard from him since that occasion.

Mrs. HOWARD advised that her parents, residing at 187 Lowell Street in Sierra Madre, were subject's uncle and aunt. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. ELISHA BEVER. Mrs. HOWARD stated that her parents lived right near her and that they were elderly, and she requested that they not be interviewed. She stated that they are considerably ashamed of subject's activities and that they are very anxious that subject be apprehended before he causes his family and his relatives further embarrassment. Mrs. HOWARD stated that if her parents obtained any information regarding subject, she will be immediately advised and will promptly notify this office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent KIRBY A. VOSBURGH on April 29, 1943:

MR. MILES CAMPBELL (who resides at 429 East 126th Street, Hawthorne, California) was interviewed at the North American Aviation Company, 403 South Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, California. It is noted that CAMPBELL is a leadman in Department 20 and his number is 20-121.

He stated that he first met subject BEVER in September or October of 1940 when he was working at the Rockette Cafe located about one mile west of the center of Ontario, California, on Valley Boulevard. BEVER, with his then wife, DIXIE, was working nights at the Rockette Cafe at that time. Witness recalled that he had "palled" around with BEVER to some extent; he stated that neither BEVER nor his wife appeared to have any great amount of money; that they conducted themselves in a quiet manner and did not drink to excess and did not run around the country very much but seemed to be just ordinary working people.

Witness recalled that subject and his wife lived with MARGE and JOHN (?) FORD at Upland, California. These people he stated lived in the 1100 block on East Valley Boulevard, Ontario, California. It was his impression that they had originally come from Kansas City and that BEVER had known the FORDS in Kansas City. CAMPBELL explained that subject boarded with the FORDS even after he had separated from his wife DIXIE.

CAMPBELL stated he left Ontario in December of 1940 at which time he began his employment at the North American Aviation Company, first in Inglewood, California, and thence in Pasadena, California. He stated that as best he could recall, he had last seen BEVER in October of 1941 when he had returned to Ontario to see his family which lived there. Further inquiry of the witness developed that he had actually seen BEVER two or three times in that period around October of 1942; that he would "run into him" at some old "hang-out" in that town that they used to frequent when they both worked together. At

that time the witness stated BEVER was employed as a painter on the Los Angeles County Fair Project located near Ontario. This work apparently was being done by the Hanna Paint Company of Ontario, California. Regarding the subject at this latter time, witness recalled only that he had heard somewhere that the subject had gotten involved in a fight somewhere in the vicinity of Ontario and that he had been jailed at least over night, possibly in the San Bernardino County Jail. He could not recall anything further about the subject that was pertinent. He remarked that the subject had at one time mentioned working in the Hotel Huelbach at Kansas City. He recalled that when he last saw him in October, 1942, DIXIE had separated from BEVER and was believed to be somewhere up around Santa Barbara, California. Witness could not advise as to whether or not the subject might still be in the vicinity of Ontario. He stated he had paid visits there subsequent to October of 1942, but had never run into him thereafter. The witness vaguely recalled that subject had a gun of some kind but he could not remember where he had seen the gun or learned that subject had it or, in fact, anything at all about the gun.

The witness made a conservative, pleasant impression; appeared to discuss the matter frankly and openly; he advised he was born in Ontario, California, on March 31, 1916; that he had worked at the Exchange Orange Packing Company from 1936 to 1940; that he had served in the C. C. C. between 1934 and 1936. He offered to advise the Los Angeles Field Office immediately if he should come in contact with BEVER, but he suggested that this was not likely inasmuch as he had not seen him in over one year and he had never been intimate with subject at any time.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION -**

At Oakland, California, will interview A. E. SEAFY, Ship's Cook, 2nd Class, Naval Reserve Air Base, Oakland Municipal Air Port, regarding information pertaining to subject BEVER. SEAFY formerly employed BEVER as a cook when SEAFY operated the ROCK-ITTE BARBECUE near Ontario, California. BEVER reportedly worked for SEAFY in 1940. SEAFY should be questioned regarding any possible contacts that BEVER might have in Ontario, California. It should also be determined if BEVER joined a union while in SEAFY'S employ.

**THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION -**

At Ontario, California, will keep in contact with Chief of Police H. W. SWINNEY for any possible leads regarding BEVER'S whereabouts.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE et al<br/>I.O. #1669</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**PAUL KESSE** knew **BEVER** through his sister, **CAROL KESSE O'BELL** and formerly drank with him on occasions, but denies that **BEVER** or other subjects ever visited him at Denver. **KESSE** also acquainted with **RAKEAT** and **RICKETTS**. **BEVER** was familiar with bartenders at Bellevue Hotel, Sloppy Joe's Bar and Paris Inn at Kansas City, and also frequented a pool hall near Paris Inn. Armed forces have no record of loss, theft or legal disposition of .45 caliber Colt automatic, serial #209164. War and Navy Departments have circularized for possible information concerning the weapon.

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**DEFERRED RECORDING**

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **CHARLES J. WATKINS** dated April 10, 1943, at Denver, Colorado. Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated January 11, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Mrs. **IRVINE CRENSHAW**, manager of the apartment building at 4801 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., where **ALLEN P. McDERMOTT** and his wife, "**DIMPLE**" reside, furnished the following general information regarding the **McDERMOTTs** and **PAUL KESSE** and his wife, **THELMA**, who recently have been living with **McDERMOTTs**: **ALLEN McDERMOTT** was formerly sales manager for the Recordak Corporation at Washington, but within the last two or three weeks he has received a commission in the Navy. He and his wife are very disagreeable tenants and once when Mrs. **CRENSHAW** wishes she could induce to move. Presumably all complaints were based upon the offensive manner of Mr. and Mrs. **McDERMOTT**.

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and the noisy parties they have in their apartment. About six weeks ago PAUL KENSE and his wife, THELMA, moved in with the McDERMOTTs, who borrowed a rickshaw bed from Mrs. GREENSHAW. At that time she expected them to stay for only a few days but she advised they have shown no signs of leaving. She understands PAUL KENSE is stationed at Ft. Myer. A photograph of HARRY RALPH BEVER was exhibited to Mrs. GREENSHAW to determine if she had seen him in the neighborhood and she could not identify him but commented that he bore a slight resemblance to Mr. McDERMOTT.

Upon request PAUL KENSE and his wife called at the Field Office where they were interviewed concerning their former association with subject BEVER. KENSE stated that he had met BEVER probably on 15 different occasions, first becoming acquainted with him through his sister, CAROL KENSE O'DELL, the wife of HARRY "BUD" O'DELL. CAROL formerly was employed at the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City, Missouri, where BEVER worked as bell hop and later as bell captain. CAROL O'DELL became quite familiar with BEVER and BEVER subsequently introduced her to HARRY O'DELL.

PAUL KENSE denied specifically that BEVER or any of the other subjects of this case ever visited him at Denver, Colorado. He advised that he had not known them while he lived in Kansas City and that it was after his transfer to Denver, about three years ago, that he first met BEVER, RADKAY and RICKETTS. These occasions were the times when he returned to Kansas City, Missouri while employed by the Recordak Corporation at Denver, Colorado. KENSE covered a territory of nine states from the Canadian border to the Mexican border and as far east as Mays, Kansas. Frequently when he was near the eastern edge of his territory he would drive on to Kansas City and spend a few days there. It was on one of these occasions that he first met BEVER at his sister, CAROL's apartment at 608 Kansas Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. On other occasions he was out with BEVER and they frequented various drinking establishments. He recalls having met subject SAMUEL RICKETTS on about 10 occasions and RADKAY once or twice. On each occasion when he saw them he was in Kansas City.

KENSE recalled that his last association with BEVER was sometime last summer at Kansas City when he accompanied BEVER to the bar in the Bellevue Hotel. At this time BEVER was on leave from Ft. Benning, Georgia and was in the uniform of an Army private as were two of his companions whom KENSE cannot identify. On this occasion KENSE observed that one of BEVER's soldier companions was apparently related to a bar tender at the hotel and that BEVER also was well acquainted with this bar tender.

whose name he recalls was "BOB." REESE formed the impression that BEVER had formerly gone to school with BOB. He described BOB as follows:

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| Age                | 24 or 25      |
| Height             | 5' 10"        |
| Weight             | 165 lbs.      |
| Hair               | Dark and wavy |
| Build              | Medium        |
| Complexion         | Dark          |
| General appearance | Good looking  |

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1941, REESE attended a party with BEVER and others at the Paris Inn, 15th and Mont Call, Kansas City, Missouri. There he observed that BEVER was well acquainted with the two bartenders who were proprietors and one of whom he believes is named "CHRIS." BEVER was also known to have frequented a pool hall about two doors west of the Paris Inn which was operated by an Italian.

On other occasions BEVER and REESE were together at Sloppy Joe's Bar on 12th Street between Wyandott and Baltimore in Kansas City and BEVER was well known there also.

REESE advised that to his knowledge BEVER has no girl friends and that CARMEN was the only girl in whom he ever showed any interest. CARMEN now resides at 3014 Central Street, Kansas City and has recently returned to work at the Muehlebach Hotel which she had left following her marriage to BUDDY O'DELL. BEVER was not in the habit of drinking heavily but on occasions he became intoxicated and when he did he was quite mean. REESE is of the opinion that BEVER'S present difficulties may be attributed to some occasion on which he became very drunk and committed acts he would not normally have done.

REESE and his wife acknowledged their relations with BUDDY O'DELL were quite close and that BUDDY and CARMEN had visited them on occasions. Last summer BUDDY and CARMEN visited them in Denver and accompanied REESE and his wife on a road trip he was making at New Mexico. He did not take them on to Kansas City from New Mexico as was indicated by Mr. OSBY STRUNK in reference report, but returned to Denver and later took them to Kansas City.

At the present time KENSE is a technical sergeant in the U. S. Army. He was originally stationed at Camp CROWDER near Neosho, Missouri but about two months ago was transferred to Fort Myer, Virginia. He states that DIMPLE McDERMOTT is his sister but that she and ALLEN McDERMOTT were only slightly acquainted with BEVER. McDERMOTT had never liked BEVER and had advised BUDDY O'NEILL on occasions to avoid associating with him. McDERMOTT received a commission as a Lieutenant (jg) in the Navy about two weeks ago.

PAUL and THELMA KENSE were advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute.

The following investigation was conducted by EDWARD H. WILKS, special employee attached to the Washington Field Office:

A check made at the War and Navy Departments, the U. S. Marine Corps and the U. S. Coast Guard failed to disclose any record concerning the loss, theft or legal disposition of a .45 Colt automatic pistol, model of 1911, U. S. Army serial number 209164. The War and Navy Departments will cause a circularization to be made of their respective corps areas, arsenals, Navy Yards and Depots for possible information concerning the weapon and upon completion the Washington Field Office will notify the interested Field Divisions of the result.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:**

**AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:** Will interview the bartender at the Bellevue Hotel known as "BOB" and described in this report for possible information he may have as to BEVER'S whereabouts and his other associates.

Will interview the bartender and proprietor of the Paris Inn at 15th and Mont Call with respect to their association with subject BEVER and secure any information they may have which will lead to the possible apprehension of subject BEVER.

Will interview the operator of the pool hall located two doors west of Paris Inn to secure information leading to the possible apprehension of BEVER.

Will interview the bartender at Sloppy Joe's Bar on 12th Street between Wyandott and Baltimore to secure information of possible aid in locating BEVER.

**THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:** Will, upon completion of the circularization now being made by the War and Navy Departments for information regarding a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, model 1911, serial #203164, notify the interested Field Divisions of the results.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| TITLE<br><b>MARY RALPH BEVER, w. ss., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869, ET AL</b>  |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>      |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS.<br><br><p>MRS. BLANCHE HALING, informant, who is in daily contact with the Fugitive's parents, has been unable to secure information of interest. Mrs. T. E. BEVER, wife of the Fugitive's brother, and who is "on the outs" with Fugitive's parents, will endeavor to secure information and advise the Kansas City Office. Various persons and contacts interviewed without securing information of interest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p style="margin-left: 400px;">Report of Special Agent<br/>HAROLD LOOK SCOTT,<br/>Kansas City, Missouri 4-3-43.</p> <p style="margin-left: 400px;">Report of Special Agent<br/>JACK RAYMOND DURIAND,<br/>Little Rock, Ark., 4-3-43; report of Special<br/>Agent O. CARL ARMITAGE, Miami, Fla., 4-20-43.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.</p> <p>Continuous contact has been kept with the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas Police Departments, as well as the offices of the Sheriffs in each of these cities. Nothing of a definite nature has been developed as to these law enforcement agencies indicating the present whereabouts of the Fugitive.</p> <p>Mrs. BLANCHE HALING, 106 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, informant, who is a daily visitor in the home of the parents of the Fugitive,</p> |                                   |   |   |
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has been kept in continuous contact, and she has advised that she has been unable to secure any information that would indicate the present whereabouts of the Fugitive. She is doubtful that the parents know Fugitive's location, or are in communication with him. Mrs. HALING stated she would advise this office immediately should she secure information that would be of assistance in the location and apprehension of the Fugitive as she believes this to be the best for all parties concerned, and, further, that she believes it would meet the ends of justice.

JOHNNY GEORGE, 4349 Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Missouri, has been contacted, but has no information of interest.

WALTER FRANKLIN, a well known character in Kansas City, who has a national reputation as a pool player, is well acquainted with the sporting fraternity throughout the United States, and who is a frequenter of the pool hall at the Dixon Hotel, has been contacted by the writer. FRANKLIN, who is friendly to the writer, advised immediately that he knew the Fugitive BEVER; that BEVER was "no good"; that he has in the past been a frequenter at the pool room in the Dixon Hotel, and that should he see him or get any information concerning BEVER, he would contact the writer forthwith.

Detective LOU MEYERS, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, who is assigned to the hotel squad, has advised he has been on continuous lookout for the Fugitive, or any information that would be of assistance in his location. It will be remembered that the Fugitive formerly worked at the Muehlebach Hotel, where Detective MEYERS has many contacts, and he has advised that should any information be received by any of the employees at this hotel, that he will receive the benefit of the information, which he will, of course, give to this office.

NORMAN S. BEAMAN, proprietor of a restaurant at 12th and Wyandotte, who is well acquainted with the Fugitive, has advised that he has not received any information concerning him; that he is continually on the lookout and should he receive any information, he would contact the Kansas City Office. He also advised that the waitress in his restaurant, MARY K. MERRILL, has not received any information of interest concerning the Fugitive.

CHESTER H. MACHE, operator of a filling station at 701 Simpson, Kansas City, Kansas advised that he has not received any information concerning the Fugitive, but will contact the Kansas City Office in the event he does.



JOHN SINGLETON, referred to in the report of Special Agent JACK RAYMOND DURLAND, Little Rock, 4-2-43, has been removed from the Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, to the Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas, by reason of his having been surrendered for prosecutive action by the military authorities to the State authorities, Wyandotte County, Kansas. This prosecution is on a charge of murder.

SINGLETON was interviewed by Agent, but indicated he did not have any information that would be of assistance at this time. However, he was expecting to be released on bond, and if he were so released, he might be able to secure information; and if he did secure any information, he would contact the writer. He said he had heard a rumor that BEVER had left approximately \$900.00 with some individual in Kansas City for safe-keeping, but couldn't remember the details. (The cooperation of SINGLETON is believed to be doubtful.)

WALTER EDWARD RICHARDS, 2014 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is employed at the Lake City Ordnance Plant, adjacent to Kansas City, recently visited the home of BEVER'S parents.

Mrs. HALING, who it will be recalled is a daily visitor at the BEVER home, and who is acting as a contact for the Kansas City Office in this case, advised she was of the impression RICHARDS is a friend of the fugitive BEVER.

Appropriate inquiry at the Lake City Ordnance Plant indicated RICHARDS has a clear record there, and he was interviewed at his home by the writer. RICHARDS said he has known the fugitive BEVER for a number of years; had not seen him for probably two years; knew nothing concerning his whereabouts and did not believe the fugitive BEVER would contact him.

RICHARDS, was, of course, advised as to the harboring statute, and the fact BEVER might endeavor to contact him, and that it would probably be well for him, RICHARDS, to advise the Kansas City Office if such did happen. RICHARDS said he would make no endeavor to obtain information concerning BEVER, but said should fugitive BEVER contact him, or attempt to contact him, or should he receive information as to his possible whereabouts, he would give the information to the Kansas City Office unhesitatingly.

Mrs. T. E. BEVER, wife of a brother of the fugitive BEVER, who is now residing at 108 East 32nd Street, which is near the home of the parents of fugitive BEVER, has again been interviewed and indicated that she is "on the outs" with the family of the fugitive.



Mrs. T. E. BEVER stated she believed BEVER'S mother was trying to contact the Fugitive BEVER, and that the mother had indicated she believed the Fugitive would get in contact with her. Mrs. T. E. BEVER said that she would endeavor to, in every way, secure any information she could looking to the location of the Fugitive BEVER; indicating that she thought it would be a good thing for her husband if the Fugitive were apprehended, further indicating she was afraid the Fugitive might get her husband in trouble. She said her husband consistently stated he had no information as to the whereabouts of the Fugitive, his brother HARRY BEVER.

Contact is being kept with Mrs. T. E. BEVER, who it is believed will advise if she does receive any information, as she apparently has no love for the family of the Fugitive and, further, should the Fugitive be apprehended, she would be relieved of the worry of the Fugitive trying to contact her husband.

As of April 20, 1943, there appeared in the Kansas City Star of that date, in the "Personals", the following:

"R. B.-Shall I go where U were a maid-  
long yrs. ago? Ans. back by numbers I  
will know Mon."

Confidential inquiry at the office of the Kansas City Star reflected this advertisement had been received from an individual giving the name G. M. DUGAN, Box 188, Kansas City, Kansas. The ad it seems should have been signed "Mon", but through an error on the part of the Star was signed "Mon."

Inquiry through the office of the Postmaster, Kansas City, Kansas reflected that Box 188 was rented on December 30, 1942, to one EDNA M. BLACKBURN, also for the use of GRACE DUGAN and a party by the name A.M., or G.M., DUGAN (it not being clear whether the first initial was intended for an "A" or a "G"); that the address was given as Stilwell, Kansas, or Belton, Missouri. The application indicated that the business of the person, or persons, placing the ad was "private", which to the Star generally is construed to mean "no business." References given in connection with the placing of this ad were DR. EUGENE CARBAUGH and KATHERINE KELLEY, Bryant Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

Interest in this advertisement was due to the fact that the Fugitive is known as RALPH BEVER to his relatives and friends; that he has also used the alias "DUGAN" and it was thought that probably his mother was trying to communicate with BEVER through this means.

Inquiry of the above references indicated that EDNA M. BLACKBURN is the divorced wife of WILLIAM A. BLACKBURN, the BLACKBURNS having previously resided on a farm midway between Stillwell, Kansas and Belton, Missouri.

Inquiry of the Postmaster at Belton, Missouri reflected this couple had been divorced for sometime; that BLACKBURN now resides in Belton and is of good reputation and character; that although he is divorced from his wife, they are apparently on friendly terms. The Postmaster indicated there is a possibility this individual's divorced wife is somewhat eccentric - to say the least.

The Postmaster was shown the picture of the fugitive BEVER and said no one answering this description had been seen around Belton, which is a small village. It was further developed that Mrs. BLACKBURN is now residing at the Hollywood Hotel, 505 West 10th, Kansas City, Missouri. Inquiry at the Hollywood Hotel reflected Mrs. BLACKBURN simply had a room there and was presently taking sewing lessons. The proprietor of this hotel, which is more or less a poor class rooming house, indicated she had seen no one there answering the description of the fugitive BEVER.

Another ad was put in the Kansas City Star by this same woman in the "Personals" on Sunday April 25, 1943, reading as follows:

... "RICHARD S.-Hope to be where you first  
saw light next Sun.Damp."

In this connection it should be stated that information from the Kansas City Star reflected this ad was supposed to read "RICHARD SIDNEY" but the Star did not print it that way due to the fact that probably there were many people by the name of SIDNEY and that did not care to run it that way under the circumstances. A mail cover has been placed on Box 188, Kansas City, Kansas, which so far has not developed any information. Inquiry by a Post Office official of the renter of Box 188 concerning the use of the three names resulted in being advised by the renter that "they were her names."

Agent later called at 505 West 10th Street in further effort to contact EDNA BLACKBURN and was advised she had left several days ago to be gone for sometime, and that her forwarding address was Choctaw, Oklahoma Care H. C. WALLER. The woman who runs this hotel said Mrs. BLACKBURN did not want her husband to know she had gone there.

Kansas City File #26-9066, entitled: "JOSEPH ALEXANDER FERRO, r.as.; JOHN SINGLETON; WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, w.as., NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", Kansas City origin, reflects a memorandum indicating that a former prisoner in the Jackson County Jail, who now has been removed to the Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, one JOE BEAM had attempted to smuggle out a letter to JOHN SINGLETON, previously mentioned in this file. The letter was not clear, but it was thought it had some connection with BEVER, SINGLETON and RATKAY, and the prisoner gave the return address on the smuggled letter "JOE BEAM, 117 South Union Street, Independence, Missouri." This letter it was ascertained bore the same address as the address of MARGARET BEAM, sister of JOE BEAM. MARGARET BEAM is now residing at 625 West Maple, Apartment 204, Independence, Missouri, and inquiry of the Assistant Postmaster at Independence, Missouri reflected she is a woman of excellent standing and reputation; that she had been connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company located in the First National Bank Building in Independence, Missouri for a number of years. She was interviewed and said she is the sister of JOE BEAM, who has caused her much embarrassment; that she has been with the Prudential Insurance Company for the past twenty years; and that personally she has no knowledge of RATKAY, SINGLETON or BEVER. This woman is apparently of excellent standing and appeared to be telling the truth.

Agent called at the residence of DIXIE GARNETT, former wife of BEVER, but she was not available for interview.

A memorandum in this file submitted by Special Agent LEONARD RAYMOND VINER reflects that JESSE DAVIS, OTHNIEL DOTSON and V. R. MC CULLOUGH, desk clerk, all employees at the Hotel Warren, Salina, Kansas had advised they had seen the fugitive BEVER at this hotel on March 2, 1943, and that the fugitive had registered under the name PETER CITIAS from New York City. The three informants gave very varying descriptions as to the suspect and a thorough investigation by Agent VINER reflected this individual was not the fugitive, but is a brother of CHARLES CITIAS, a Private in the U. S. Army stationed at Salina, Kansas, and that the suspect had been there on a visit.

In reference to the report of Special Agent O. CARL AEMITAGE, Miami, Florida, dated April 20, 1943, Agent contacted TANKEE OSKAR DAVENPORT, who advised that in reference to the letters the fugitive had written to DIXIE GARNETT as referred to in this report and which were forwarded him, Mr. DAVENPORT by his daughter, MRS. MURPHY of Miami, Florida, they had been turned over to the military authorities sometime ago. Mr. DAVENPORT advised there was nothing in the letters that would be of assistance looking to the location of the fugitive BEVER.

A memorandum in the file reflects that Detective ELMERT WILLOUGHBY of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on April 26, 1943, advised that on that evening, he had seen an individual at the intersection of 27th and Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, who somewhat fitted the description of the Fugitive; that before he could get to him to interview him, this individual left in an automobile bearing 1942 Kansas License 7-2881.

Inquiry of the Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas reflected 1942 Kansas license #7-2881 was listed to EVA SHAFT, 733 Spruce Street, Leavenworth, Kansas for a 1941 Oldsmobile Sedan; that WILLIAM H. SHAFT, same address, was listed as connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Kansas City, Kansas and that apparently both EVA SHAFT and WILLIAM H. SHAFT had moved to 1816 Rowland Street, Kansas City, Kansas. JOSEPH SHICK, Detective, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department made a check concerning SHAFT and ascertained he is connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and that on the evening in question, he was in the vicinity indicated by Detective WILLOUGHBY for the purpose of contacting one of his insurance clients.

Detective JOSEPH SHICK, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, interviewed PEARL HINES, Thomas Lunch, Kansas City, Kansas, who had formerly known BEVER; but who advised Officer SHICK she has no information concerning the present whereabouts of BEVER and knows nothing that would be of interest looking to BEVER's location.

The mail covers placed in this case in the Kansas City District have been discontinued; no further additional information of interest having been secured through that source.

Mrs. LEO(VIOLET)WATSON, sister of CARMEAN REECE O'DELL, wife of BUDDY O'DELL, residing at 3814 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, stated neither she, nor her sister CARMEAN, had any information concerning the Fugitive BEVER. Mrs. WATSON said she expected soon to move to Dallas, Texas, but her sister CARMEAN would probably remain in Kansas City and she would advise Agent of her address at such time as she moved.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION**

**AT CHECOTAH, OKLAHOMA**

Will ascertain the general reputation of H. C. WALLER, at whose home EDNA BLACKBURN is apparently living, or receiving mail, and if his reputation is good, interview Mr. WALLER concerning EDNA BLACKBURN for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is a possibility she may be endeavoring to contact the Fugitive. In doing this, it should be remembered she is possibly an eccentric individual, and that it is not desired she be advised of the manner in which it was ascertained she was placing the advertisements as set forth in this report. She should be questioned in reference to the use of the names GRACE DUGAN, A.W. and/or G.M. DUGAN.

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

**AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Will contact DIXIE CARPENT, former wife of the Fugitive BEVER, 3029 Harrison, from time to time for any information she may receive.

Will continue contact with Mrs. BLANCHE HALING, 1006 East 33rd Street, telephone Logan 8643.

Will continue contact with law enforcement officials of the police and sheriff's offices of the two Kansas Cities.

Will interview FRED HEINRICH, Security Printing Company, BMA Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who is mentioned on page three of referenced report of the writer dated at Kansas City 4-3-43.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **76-316**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5-1-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-18, 27-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>LEO E. KUYKENDALL dg</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869;<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1871;<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870;<br/>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was - FUGITIVE;<br/>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was - FUGITIVE.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject BEVER escaped with CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, and SAMUEL RICKETTS. Bureau authorized broadcasts to state law enforcement agencies. State Bankers Association, Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Oklahoma City Police Department notified. Subsequently advised subject BEVER still at large. BEVER reported planning to rob bank at Oklahoma City or Kansas City. Investigation of suspect met with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 22, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:**

Investigation was conducted at the Fidelity National Bank, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after information had been received from MISS CORBETT of the Oklahoma Business Association that MR. R. C. STUART, vice-president of the Fidelity National Bank, Oklahoma City, had reported a suspicious character who had inquired as to the time the bank would open on the morning of February 20, 1943.

MR. R. C. STUART advised Special Agent ALBERT W. HENNIG of the Oklahoma City Field Division that an unknown person had accosted the porter of the bank at the entrance on Grand Avenue and asked him if he were going into the bank and what time the bank opened. MR. STUART further advised agent HENNIG that his suspicions were aroused when his porter, HENRY BARNETT, mentioned in his description of the unknown person, that he had on a new pair of shoes, stating that he, STUART, had received information that one of the subjects had purchased a new pair of shoes after he had escaped from Cincinnati.

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HENRY BARNETT, porter at the Fidelity National Bank, advised the unknown person was standing at the corner of the Grand Street entrance of the bank when he (BARNETT) arrived for work at 5:30 A.M. and due to the scarcity of people on the street at that time, the unknown person looked suspicious to BARNETT. BARNETT said the man stopped him and asked him if he were going into the bank. He replied in the negative and the man then asked what time the bank opened. He was advised that the bank would open at 10:00 A.M. by the porter. BARNETT'S description of the unknown person is as follows:

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| Height  | 6'   |
| Weight  | 195  |
| Complexion  | Dark |
| (Wearing brown hat, blue serge suit and new tan shoes.) |      |

BARNETT was shown the wanted poster on subject BEVER but he could not identify him. He stated that the front face view of RICKETTS looked something like the unknown person. However, it is noted in the description of RICKETTS that he is much lighter than the unknown person. All teletype information which has been submitted to this office is being held in abeyance, as far as Bureau information is concerned, to local law enforcement agencies until further information is received as to subject BEVER. There is no indication that any of the subjects have ever been in the vicinity of Oklahoma City. Therefore, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **76-545**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-30-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>4-1, 26-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>HERBERT B. BOLLFRASS</b>  |
| CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was; I. O. No. 1871; SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, I. O. #1870; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, I. O. #1869 - - - FUGITIVES |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL</b> |

**ESCAPE ACT.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No results from mail coverage at Albuquerque, N. M. and Kirtland Field, Albuquerque.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent HERBERT B. BOLLFRASS, El Paso, Texas, dated March 4, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.**

J. E. WERNER, Postmaster, Albuquerque, N. M., reported that he had not received any mail for ROBERT BEVER at that Post Office.

The G-2 Office at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, reported that no mail had been received for ROBERT BEVER.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                         | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="text-align: right;"><b>RECORDED</b></div>   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>1 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>2 - El Paso<br><b>53 MAY 18 1943</b> | <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>76-7276-116</b><br/> <b>17 MAY 3 1943</b> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>INDEXED</b><br/> <b>0112</b> </div> |




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FILE NO. **76-180**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>SIXTYS FALLS, S.DAK.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-25-43</b>   | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>4-15-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>LORENZO W. ANDERSON, JR.</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH LEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>                 WILLIAM ISAAC RADWAY, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>                 SAMUEL RICHARDS, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>                 CLARENCE ALBERT HARRIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>                 ARTHUR ALBERT HARRIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE.</b>   |  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ENCASED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>                 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">A review of Sixtys Falls file VI-336 entitled, "SAMUEL RICHARDS, was., Fugitive, HARRY RALPH LEVER, was., Fugitive, WILLIAM ISAAC RADWAY, was., Fugitive, Avondale Branch, 2nd Nat'l Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10-31-42", BR., NEVIA., SS., FTA., fails to reveal any additional information of value in location of fugitives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>   |  |   | <b>DEFERRED RECORDING</b>   |
| DETAILS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">A review of Sixtys Falls file VI-336 entitled, "SAMUEL RICHARDS, with aliases, Fugitive; HARRY RALPH LEVER, with aliases, Fugitive; WILLIAM ISAAC RADWAY, with aliases, Fugitive; Avondale Branch, Second Nat'l Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942, BANK ROBBERY, FUGITIVE ACTOR IN THE FUGITIVE ACT, CLARENCE ALBERT HARRIS and ARTHUR ALBERT HARRIS, fails to contain any information of value other than the report of Special Agent JAMES A. NEUBERT, made at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 11, 1942, which would be of value in the location of the fugitives in this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RETURNED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p> |  |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE<br>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">76-180-111</div> |   |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3-Bureau<br>2-Cincinnati<br>2-Sixtys Falls  |  |   | RECORDED<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">H</div>    |
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**1200 Tower Petroleum Building  
Dallas, Texas  
April 26, 1943**

**Director, FBI**

**Re: HARRY RALPH NEVER, with aliases,  
ET AL; FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.**

**Dear Sir:**

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge, DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Kansas City, Missouri dated March 10th, 1943, in the above entitled case.

This is to advise that on March 16, 1943 reply was received from Mr. CY DENISON, the addressee of the above referred to letter, in which he stated that the pictures which were forwarded to him did not resemble the individuals who supposedly kidnapped he and his wife.

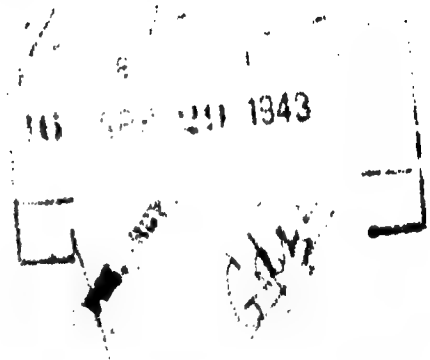
It is noted in this regard that the kidnaping case in which the said Mr. DENISON was the victim was closed by the report of Special Agent H.T. ARTERBERRY, dated at Dallas, Texas June 17th, 1942, Dallas file #7-229. The case was closed upon Bureau authority with the conclusion that the same was a fake kidnaping.

The above entitled case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin unless advised to the contrary.

**Very truly yours,**

*R. G. Danner*  
**R. G. DANNER,**  
Special Agent in Charge.

**ADW:MS  
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cc Cincinnati  
cc Kansas City**



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

LOUISVILLE, FILE NO. 76-432

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY</b>                    | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4/24/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>APRIL 1-12, 1943</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>CECIL M. MILLER</b> <span style="float: right;">CMM/abb</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE etal. IO #1869</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>        |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Radio messages relative to instant escape and to car of Dr. CLUTCH-WILSON broadcast over Kentucky State Police Stations and Louisville Police Stations with negative results. Subject RADKAY identified as individual who appeared at Jewish Hospital for medical treatment on February 22, 1943, by Dr. OSCAR BLOCH. RADKAY was identified as individual who rented a room at 224 East St. Catharine on February 18, 1943, by Mr. E. C. BUCHANAN. Subject BEVER identified as individual who rented garage at 212 East St. Catharine Street from Mrs. M. M. STARK on February 18, 1943. 1938 Chrysler sedan, motor number C18-8092, Ohio plates 242 AK, recovered by agent in garage rear of 212 East St. Catharine Street. Recovery value \$650. Insurance company advised. On February 23, 1943, 1937 Pontiac Coupe, motor number 893142, stolen from AMERIOT GARAGE, 309 East Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky, where car was left for repairs. Owner of car RAYMOND J. RUSSELL presently in Army. Hospitals, drug stores, garages, hotels, and rooming houses checked with negative results previous to apprehending subjects RICKETTS and RADKAY.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITH, dated March 20, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>[Signature]</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">76-9276-113</div>   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>2 Bureau<br>1 Cincinnati<br>1 Cleveland (Info.)<br>1 Indianapolis (Info.)<br>1 Kansas City (Info.)<br>1 Louisville |                         | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">5 MAY 1 1943</div> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">         RECORDED<br/>&amp;<br/>INDEXED<br/>15       </div> |

Teletype from Louisville to Cincinnati and Kansas City dated 3/5/43.

Teletype from Louisville to Director, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Cleveland, dated February 27, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

The following agents assisted in the investigation of this case: ADAM A. ADDISON, EVERETT J. ADOLF, DEXTER A. CHRISTENSEN, PAUL E. CHRISTIAN, JOHN R. HEN, JOSEPH T. MILL, WILLIAM E. NEER, CHARLES I. KELLER, JAMES O. LANG, IRADORE E. NAME, WILLIAM E. DONNELLY, WILLIAM E. KAYE, EARL FRAS, JEFFRE S. FULLER, JOHN F. WIGGINS, GEORGE P. NEPLAND, MARSHALL C. DONNELLY, EDWARD F. KIRK, ROBERT E. LECHARD, ROBERT D. FEN, WILLIAM J. BAIRD, ROBERT E. RICHARDSON, JOHN S. MCNECUTT, LEON T. SARTER, and WILLIAM JOHN QUINN.

**AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:**

Upon receipt of information on February 13, 1943, that subjects had escaped from the Hamilton County Jail at Cincinnati, Ohio, information regarding subjects was furnished all of the Kentucky Highway Patrol radio stations in Kentucky and the Louisville Police Department radio station. Likewise, upon receipt of information from Cincinnati on February 16, 1943, regarding the kidnapping of Dr. CLAUDE WILSON and the theft of the 1938 Chrysler sedan of this, this information was given to all of the radio stations of Kentucky Highway Patrol in Kentucky as well as the Louisville Police Department.

On February 21, 1943, the Louisville Office was in receipt of information by teletype from Indianapolis office which advised that an attempted person to person call had been made to BEN SIMON, Scottsburg, Indiana, that SIMON had no phone and that call was then completed to BILLIE SIMON at Scottsburg Grade School on February 17. SIMON believed that the telephone call was made at instance of his former brother-in-law who is subject SEVER. The Louisville Office was requested to attempt to trace this call through the telephone company at Louisville, Kentucky, and Covington, Kentucky.

The foregoing information was furnished by teletype by the Louisville Field Division to Cincinnati with request that the check at Covington be made through Cincinnati inasmuch as the telephone company at Covington is under the jurisdiction of the Cincinnati office of the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that this call could not be traced unless the building or telephone number from which the call emanated could be furnished and that he had checked as far as possible without ascertaining any information regarding the above mentioned call.

The writer telephonically communicated with Special Agent BLISS MERTON of the Indianapolis office on February 22, 1943, at which time agent MERTON advised that the operator at Scottsburg, Indiana, could remember nothing about the call which would be of value in ascertaining the origin. He said that the information received from the telephone operator there was to the effect that she believed the call came from Kentucky.

Upon receipt of information from the Kansas City Field Division by teletype dated February 26, 1943, which reflected that individuals believed to be subjects DEVER, RICHETTE, and RADKAY had been encountered by police and agents of the Kansas City Field Division at which time they wrecked a 1938 Pontiac Coupe with X-ray photographs therein which were referred to Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, MD, of Louisville, Kentucky, the Louisville Field Division immediately contacted Dr. BLOCH for any information he might have in instant case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM J. BAIRD, at which time he ascertained that on February 22, 1943, at approximately 4:00 P.M. a person who fit the description of subject RADKAY came to the Jewish Hospital, 236 East Kentucky Street, Louisville, Kentucky, to have his right heel attended, at which time he was referred to Dr. AUSTIN BLOCH, Mayturn Building, Louisville, Kentucky, by Miss LILLIAN MEYER. Dr. AUSTIN BLOCH said that he examined this individual on the same date at his office and that he received the following history from him.

Name: FRANK ZOGLIN

Occupation: Farmer. Worked for his father at Bedford, Kentucky, and that on February 15, 1943, he had sprained his ankle when he jumped off a truck. Stated further that he explained a superficial scratch on his right chin by saying he received this on February 13, 1943, while he was walking through heavy brush, at which time Dr. BLOCH advised individual he must have X-ray at the hospital.

Miss LILLIAN MEYER, the admittance clerk at the Jewish Hospital, said subject returned to the hospital approximately 7:45 A.M. on February 23, 1943, and waited

for his X-rays and that Dr. WILLIAM CURRY MARTIN took the X-rays of subject RADKAY and after examining them advised subject that unless the injury was cared for he would have a prominent limp and that it appeared that he had a broken heel. Upon examination it appeared that this was a fracture. Dr. AUSTIN BLOCH referred subject to his father, Mr. OSCAR BLOCH, who recommended a cast, to which subject RADKAY replied that he did not want a cast put on his foot, that he had a job in Cleveland at the Richmond Clothing Company and that he did not desire a doctor recommended in Cleveland inasmuch as he had a friend there who knew the doctors and that all he wanted was the plates. Dr. OSCAR BLOCH then called Dr. MARTIN, who gave subject permission to take the plates with him.

Mr. W. A. CROSS, Superintendent of the hospital, said that the rule of the hospital was that all plates were the property of the hospital and that in this particular instance this rule was violated, which fact perturbed Mr. CROSS very much.

Miss MEYER said that after the pictures were taken in the morning subject RADKAY left the hospital and came back in the afternoon to see Dr. AUSTIN BLOCH at which time he received the plates and paid \$5.00 to FLORA MARSH, receptionist and switchboard operator.

Miss FLORA MARSH, upon interview, described subject RADKAY as follows:

Age: 35  
Height: 5'7"  
Weight: 150  
Hair: Dark  
Scar on chin  
Very nervous  
Seemed to want to leave hospital

Miss MARSH made positive identification without hesitation as the individual who received treatment at that hospital in accordance with circumstances outlined above.

Dr. AUSTIN BLOCH described subject RADKAY as follows:

Age: 30  
Height: 5'8"  
Weight: About 140 or 150 lbs.  
Hair: Dark  
Complexion: Dark - scars on face

Bandage on left middle finger  
Superficial scar on right chin  
Wearing leather sipper jacket, hat, work trousers

Dr. AUSTIN BLOCH made a possible identification of subject.

Miss MEYER could not identify subject with the picture which was exhibited to her nor could Dr. MARTIN, inasmuch as subject was in a prone position ready for the X-Ray when he saw him.

Dr. OSCAR BLOCH made a partial positive identification of subject RADKAY's picture.

It was also ascertained that subject gave his local address at the Jewish hospital as 1004 South First Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

The aforementioned address was immediately placed under surveillance and after it was ascertained that Mrs. M. L. BORDERS who was a reliable individual who operated a rooming house at this address, she was contacted openly by agents of the Louisville Field Division. Mrs. BORDERS made available and accessible the names of her roomers and the only one who appeared to be a doubtful character was Mrs. LAWRENCE KEMPKER, whose brother, McGATHER DOWITT is presently in the Kentucky State Penitentiary at Eddyville, Kentucky, having been convicted for manslaughter on June 19, 1933, when he was nineteen years of age, and he had been sentenced to fifteen years at La Grange, Kentucky, and that on October 11, 1939, he attempted to escape but was caught on November 28, 1939, and was transferred to the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

Warden BUCHANON of the Kentucky State Penitentiary had no record available regarding the names of visitors to persons in that prison over the past three years period. However, Mrs. BORDERS made available the quarters of Mrs. KEMPKER to agents, and it was ascertained that no correspondence had been received by this individual from any of the subjects.

Photographs of subjects RADKAY, RICKETTS, AND BEVER were exhibited to Mrs. BORDERS, and she said she was certain she had never seen any of these individuals in her rooming house and that she knew of every person's coming and going in her residence.

The agents of the Louisville Field Division were furnished with pictures of the subjects and all drug stores in the immediate vicinity of the Jewish Hospital and the address of 1004 South First Street were contacted to ascertain whether subjects



had attempted to receive medical treatment for RANKIN in this area.

All of the hotels, hospitals, and garages in Louisville were contacted with negative results by agents and pictures exhibited for possible identifications of subjects; and likewise, rooming houses in the area of the Jewish Hospital were contacted with negative results for possible identifications of subjects.

The leading cab companies in Louisville, Kentucky, were contacted regarding possible fares from or to the Jewish Hospital on the pertinent dates with negative results.

At Newport and Covington, Kentucky, all garages were contacted in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of a 1938 Chrysler which had been taken from Dr. CLOTCE WILSON with negative results.

Previous to the determination that subjects had not stayed at 1004 South First Street, it was ascertained that a 1940 Buick with Indiana license plates was parked in front of this address and on February 27, 1943, Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD J. CHERN talked with Special Agent in Charge LOPEZ of the Indianapolis Office, and it was ascertained that this car was the property of EUGENE KENNEDY of Lafayette, Indiana, who was employed in a defense plant in Louisville. Upon receipt of information from the Kansas City Field Office by teletype dated March 3, 1943, after subject RICHMOND had advised that a 1938 Chrysler which was stolen from Dr. CLOTCE WILSON was placed in a private garage near Tenth Avenue and First Streets and that the Pontiac which was wrecked in Kansas City was stolen in the same vicinity, it was ascertained that Tenth Avenue and First Streets both run in the same direction, ten blocks from each other. On March 4, 1943, the Kansas City Division furnished information which reflected that the aforementioned Chrysler sedan had been left in a garage approximately a block from the Jewish hospital on the northeast corner of the block. Attempts were made by agents at that time to recover this car with negative results.

It should be noted that numerous attempts had been made to ascertain where and when the 1937 Pontiac coupe had been stolen by the Louisville Field Division, and it was noted that the Louisville Police Department had no report of a stolen automobile under the number of this car in their indices.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

On March 4, 1943, while talking with EDWARD L. ANRIOT, who is a contact of the Louisville Field Office in matters pertaining to stolen automobiles, Mr. ANRIOT



said that a green four passenger club coupe, 1937 model, had been stolen from his garage at 309 East Oak on February 23, 1943, and that the car bore motor number 893142 which was identical with the Pontiac coupe motor number which was wrecked in Kansas City, Missouri, when subjects fled officers there. Mr. ANTERIOT advised that this Pontiac coupe disappeared from his garage at about 4:00 P.M. on February 23, 1943, and that he reported it to the police department about 5:15 P.M. He said that this car was the property of RAYMOND J. RUSSELL, who is presently in the United States Army, whose wife resides at 1253 Edmund Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. ANTERIOT said that JAMES FLYN of 969 South Brook Street, brought this car in to his garage for Mrs. RUSSELL to be fixed on February 22, 1943, and that he had done considerable repair work on the car and it was in excellent running condition when he parked it in the inside driveway in the inside of the garage. Mr. ANTERIOT said that he was working in and around this car on the afternoon it was stolen and that on two or three occasions he had gone to his office to answer the telephone and upon returning from one of these trips to the office he noted that the car was gone, after which he asked all the employees of the garage if they had noticed anyone in or around the garage to which they replied negatively. Mr. ANTERIOT said he had no idea how an individual could have walked in the garage and driven this car out without being seen.

Mr. ANTERIOT said that he immediately notified his insurance company and Mrs. JAMES RAYMOND RUSSELL, who also notified the insurance company of the loss of the car. He made the comment that car when stolen bore 1942 Kentucky plates #7N740.

Mr. ANTERIOT said that Mrs. RUSSELL had left Louisville, Kentucky, to visit her husband at that time who was in the Armed Services, and she could not be reached. Numerous attempts were made by reporting agent to contact Mrs. RUSSELL with negative results.

The writer after receipt of information from Kansas City that the garage, which the 1938 Chrysler sedan, motor #C15-8092 was stored was covered with asphalt shingles and which was identical with the garage on either side thereof. A survey of all garages within three blocks of the Jewish Hospital at 212 East St. Catharine Street, Louisville, this automobile was found in a garage in the rear of the home of Mrs. GIBSON BROYLES. Her home is approximately two and one-half blocks southwest of the Jewish Hospital where subject RAYMOND received medical treatment.

Mr. H. M. STARK, son-in-law of Mrs. BROYLES, advised the writer that his wife, who is Mrs. BROYLES' daughter, had rented the garage to an individual answering subject BEVER's description on about February 18, 1943.

Mr. H. M. STARK identified a picture of subject BEVER as the individual who rented a garage from her on about February 18, 1943, which was the garage where the 1938 Chrysler sedan of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON was stored.

An examination of this car proved it to be a 1938 Chrysler sedan, Mr. #C18-8092, Ohio license 242 AK, with no keys in automobile. There was a pair of gloves with the right index finger cut away, an old hat, and two dirty jackets in rear trunk compartment of car. Also found were some oil and gasoline tickets of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, but there was nothing in the car which would indicate who the most recent possessors of same had been.

An agent of the Underwriters Insurance Company contacted the Louisville Field Division at which time he was advised of the location of the car, and likewise the Cincinnati Division was advised by teletype of this recovery. According to Mr. EDWARD L. AMERIOT, this 1938 Chrysler sedan would bring a price of approximately \$650 inasmuch as it appeared to be in running condition and had good tires installed thereon.

The writer contacted rooming house operators in the neighborhood of 212 East St. Catherine Street, and at 224 East St. Catherine Mr. E. C. BUCHANON identified picture of subject RADKAY as man who rented a room from him on February 18, 1943, and who very unobtrusively left five or six days later.

Mr. BUCHANON said that on February 18, 1943, at about 8:00 A.M. subject RADKAY rented a room at which time he gave the name of DON FORREST, Bedford, Kentucky. Mr. BUCHANON said this man was very lame, had a bad cut on his right shin, and he advised that he had received the injury when he was hurt in a well on his father's farm. He further advised Mr. BUCHANON when he rented the room that his wife would join him later.

Mr. BUCHANON identified the picture of subject BEVER as the individual who came to visit RADKAY on one occasion.

Mr. BUCHANON further stated that the subject RADKAY lived on Milk during the stay at his residence and that a strong odor of medication came from his room. He stated that upon one occasion when he went in RADKAY's room to see if he might assist him in any way, RADKAY was bandaging a very bad cut on his right leg, and he had medicated powder, salve, and tape nearby.

He said that RAYKAY also doctored his ankle which he said he had sprained and had occasioned his limping. Mr. BUCHANAN said that subject RAYKAY left on the 25th day of February without telling him or anyone else that he was going. He said that he had gone to the room to collect the rent and found RAYKAY gone and that during RAYKAY's stay there he had only a very few belongings with him.

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## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

### LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE: Will interview Mrs. RAYMOND RUSSELL, 1253 Board Street, to see whether she has evidentiary papers in her possession.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

T-1     ~~WALTER REIN~~, District Superintendent of Southern Bell Telephone Co.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-848**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>                                  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6-30-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>4/9, 10, 11, 12</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>O. CARL ARMITAGE</b>                                    |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH SEVER, was., FUGITIVE<br/>I. O. #1000, et al</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Mrs. PAUL MURPHY states SEVER was in Miami in 1940 and he worked at Swift & Company. At this time he and his former wife, DIXIE GARRETT, a cousin of Mrs. MURPHY's separated. SEVER again appeared in Miami in August, 1942 with RICKETTS and RABBIT after his desertion at Ft. Snelling. Mr. and Mrs. MURPHY believe SEVER will contact them if he again appears in Miami as he stated that the Everglades would be a good hiding place. Others recall SEVER but no information obtainable as to his present whereabouts.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Kansas City Field Division to Miami, 5-30-43  
Report of Special Agent HAROLD LOOK SCOTT dated 6-3-43 at Kansas City, Missouri

**DETAILS:**

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA**

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The writer in company with Special Agent ARTHUR McDONALD interviewed Mrs. PAUL MURPHY, 2435 N.W. 33rd Street. She stated at the outset that she had been expecting agents of the FBI to call upon her since she was a cousin of DIXIE GARRETT, subject SEVER's former wife. Mrs. MURPHY advised that SEVER came to Miami in November or December, 1940 in company with BEN SIMON and he worked as a truck driver for Swift and Company; during their stay in Miami they resided with Mrs. MURPHY and shortly after SEVER's arrival his wife, DIXIE GARRETT, came down from Kansas City in company with BOB FORD who was then a bar tender at the Bolorive Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. At a later date ALMA BELE SIMON, who is a sister of DIXIE, arrived and the SIMONS along with their three children rented a house.

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In February, 1941 subject SEVER's wife made up her mind to separate from him and thereafter she and Mrs. MURPHY left Miami and returned to Kansas City. SEVER remained in Miami until April, 1941 when he also returned to Kansas City.

Mrs. MURPHY advised that from February, 1941 until August, 1941 she did not see SEVER, but one night during the month of August SEVER was visiting with her in Miami and also at the particular time SAM SAUTON, a detective of the Auto Theft Bureau, Miami Police Department, and his wife were present at their home. At this time SEVER came up to the house and stayed about fifteen minutes and during the entire occasion appeared to be very ill at ease. At the time he was in the United States Army stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia and told them he had received a few day's leave. He also tried to talk Miss GARNETT into returning to live with him but this she refused to do. However, she did take him to an apartment on 10th Avenue or 12th Avenue near Flagler Street where subjects RICHETS and RABEAT were then living. It should here be noted that SEVER had previously been acquainted with EAT RICHETS in Kansas City where they had worked together at Ganss Restaurant. Miss GARNETT was also acquainted with RICHETS and RABEAT as she had been fighting with them on an occasion or two while they were in Miami. She did not know what their business in Miami was but assumed that they were engaged in some gambling proposition.

After Miss GARNETT took her husband to the apartment of RICHETS and RABEAT she did not see him again. So far as Mrs. MURPHY knows she had no idea as to the time when he left. However, three or four weeks after his visit to the MURPHY home Miss GARNETT received a telegram from SEVER under the name of LARRY DUGAN. In this telegram he requested her to call him immediately at a certain phone number in Newport, Kentucky. At a later date he addressed a letter to Miss GARNETT which was opened by Mrs. MURPHY and in this he said that he was sorry that he was not in Newport, Kentucky to receive her call. Mrs. MURPHY advised that she had sent these letters to her father, Mr. SAMUEL OSCAR BATHURST, who is employed at the post office in Kansas City. Mrs. MURPHY also said that Miss GARNETT had no knowledge of these communications. Mrs. MURPHY advised that she did not tell Miss GARNETT of the telegram and letter due to the fact that she and SEVER were separated and also since she did not want them to again live together because SEVER was definitely no good.

She further stated that SEVER did not like her and her husband due to the fact that he was of the opinion she was instrumental in separating him from Miss GARNETT. However, Mrs. MURPHY believes that if he would again appear in Miami he would probably contact her or Mr. MURPHY due to the fact that he knows they have a little money and a good automobile. She also stated that since SEVER's escape she has been afraid that he would possibly come to Miami.

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When questioned as to any of SEVER's associates or contacts, she advised that the only one she could recall was BUD OWELL and she thought he was presently in prison. However, it is noted in reference report of Special Agent HAROLD LOUI SCOTT that mention is made of one CALVIN OWELL and it is assumed that these two are one and the same.

PAUL MURPHY, 2426 S.W. 32nd Street, gave substantially the same information as his wife. However, he did add that while SEVER was in Miami in 1940 he was acquainted with and associated with two boys who were also drivers at Swift and Company. He was unable to recall their names but did state that SEVER and these boys frequently went to various juke joints, particularly to Jo Jo's Bar at 50th Street near Miami Avenue. He recalled SEVER's having made the statement on one occasion that if he was ever in any trouble he would come to the Everglades and hide.

Mr. and Mrs. MURPHY advised reporting agent that if they received any information whatsoever concerning SEVER they would immediately contact the Miami Office.

VINCE MURTON, Superintendent, Swift and Company, 48 E.W. 11th Street, caused a check of his records to be made and it was ascertained that SEVER was employed at his company as a driver from December 11, 1940 to March 9, 1941. At the time his address was given as 1707 E.W. 10th Terrace and his social security number as 487-66-0004. Mr. MURTON advised that the application for employment of SEVER would be on file at the Fidelity Bond Department, Swift and Company in Chicago. Mr. MURTON knew nothing whatsoever concerning subject and stated that few of the drivers were there who were employed in 1940 but stated that Mr. OWELL, who was then superintendent, would possibly recall SEVER and some of his contacts.

SPICER OWENS, former superintendent, Swift and Company, recalled subject by his photograph but had no information as to any of his friends or associates. He stated that none of the drivers now employed at Swift and Company were there during the winter season of 1940 and 41 but that D. E. WILSON, Industrial Insurance Company, Postal Building, might possibly recall SEVER and further that JAMES E. JOHNSON, address unknown, might also possess some information concerning him.

D. E. WILSON, Industrial Insurance Company, Postal Building, recalled the photograph of subject but was unable to furnish any information as to any of his friends while in Miami. He did state that one RED ATKINS, who was now driving a taxi on Miami Beach, might recall SEVER. Mr. WILSON also stated that JOSEPHINE WOODHURY, residing at 240 E.W. 66th Street and former operator of Jo Jo's Bar, might be able to supply some information since he thought he recalled her saying sometime ago that SEVER and some of the other former Swift drivers were in her place last summer. He was unable to supply the address of JAMES E. JOHNSON.



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OLA E. BRADOCK, 1937 E.W. 18th Terrace, advised that she had been residing at this residence for many years and also running her garage apartment for the same length of time. After viewing SEVER's photograph she stated that he had not lived there at any time and she also caused a check of her receipt book to be made concerning his residence with negative results.

ARVID PERSSON, 30 Jo's Bar, 98 E.W. 24th Street, advised that he had operated the bar for the past five weeks since he had purchased it from Miss WOODHURY. He stated that the subject had not been at the bar during this period of time.

JOSEPHINE WOODHURY, 246 E.W. 44th Street, readily recognized the photograph of SEVER as having been in her place about two years ago. She recalled that he was working for some packing company in Miami at the time and she knew him as RED. Miss WOODHURY had no ideas as to any of his contacts or friends since she knew him only as a customer who would occasionally drop in for a glass of beer.

#### **AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**

The records of the Miami Beach Police Department failed to reveal a RED ARIENS either in the civilian or criminal files as being employed at a taxi company or otherwise.

No leads are being set out in this report except the one to the Kansas City Field Division due to the fact that the Miami Office is not acquainted with the investigation to date leading towards the apprehension of subject SEVER. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. This is especially true since Mr. and Mrs. SIMS were mentioned as having already been contacted in reference report of Special Agent SCOTT.

**REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN**

Miami 91-848

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

At Kansas City, Missouri, will contact **WALTER OWEN BATH-  
FORD**, employed at the United States Post Office, and obtain from him  
the telegram and letter sent by subject to **EDITH GARNETT**.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>ET AL; I.O. #1869</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ROBERT ROBERTS, alleged associate of RADKAY, admitted to State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, 2/15/41 to serve nineteen and one-half to twenty years sentence for aggravated robbery.**

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**REFERENCE:**

**Letter from Kansas City to Denver dated 3/26/43**

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO**

Referenced letter advised that Mr. CHESTER LOUGHBOON, Detective Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that ROBERT ROBERTS, Denver Police Department No. 23266, was presently confined in jail at Denver. Further, that this individual formerly operated with WILLIAM RADKAY; that in these operations ROBERTS and RADKAY pulled some stickups in Denver during 1940.

Referenced letter further indicated that ROBERTS possibly would know BEVER and the logical contacts the subject might have in Denver. It stated also that ROBERTS was known to Detectives A. D. EASTIS and M. J. O'BRIEN of the Denver Police Department. The suggestion was made that ROBERTS be interviewed with a view of securing information which might lead to the location and apprehension of the subject.

At the Detective Bureau of the Denver Police Department, it was ascertained that Detective A. D. EASTIS for the past year has been in the Marine Corps and his present whereabouts are unknown. From the Identification Division it was noted that ROBERTS also was known under an alias of NED ROBERTS and that his home address was given as 622 Mason Street, Spring-

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field, Ohio; occupation, bookkeeper and stenographer. This person's FBI No. was shown as 472396. The record disclosed that ROBERTS was arrested on January 1, 1941, at Laramie, Wyoming, by Officers EASTIS, O'BRIEN, NILES and TOOMEY.

ROBERTS in the statement to the Denver Police Department, admitted holding up a Safeway Store at 1218 East 16th Street, Denver, on December 31, 1940. Also, that he had pulled a stickup at Werner's Delicatessen at 84 South Broadway, Denver, on December 29, 1940. On a plea of guilty to aggravative robbery, ROBERTS was sentenced to nineteen and one-half to twenty years in the State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, and was admitted to this institution on February 15, 1941, under number 21995.

Detective M. J. O'BRIEN stated that ROBERTS was first arrested by State Highway Patrolman JOHN HENDRICKSON, after ROBERTS had wrecked his car ten miles south of Laramie. ROBERTS at that time stated he had stuck up two places in Denver and two places in Kansas City with WILLIE RADKAY, but that the two stickups he had done in Denver he did alone. O'BRIEN stated further that ROBERTS stated that BERNIECE LAFFERTY, age 21, of 33 South Whittenberg Avenue, Springfield, Ohio, was with him on the two jobs which he did in Denver. ROBERTS stated she stayed in the car while he pulled the jobs.

Inasmuch as ROBERTS has consequently been in custody since January 1, 1941, no lead is being set out to interview him at the State Penitentiary in Canon City, Colorado.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>                          | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-16-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>4-14-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>CHARLES ORVAL CAMPBELL</b>                           |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH NEVER, was, FUGITIVE,<br/>I. O. #1019, etal</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISON<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**IRA D. HARTWORTH, 923 N. Roland Road, Independence, Missouri** reports on 4-14-43 that a strange man giving name of **McWILLIAM**, who was drinking, called at his home the evening of 4-9-43 and after a short visit imparted directions to Liberty, Mo., cautioning HARTWORTH not to mention his visit, and thereafter hitchhiked a ride on U.S. Highway 24 east-bound. HARTWORTH, who is advanced in years, identified the full length photograph of Fugitive **NEVER** as **McWILLIAM**, but on being shown an enlarged facial view of **NEVER** failed to make an identification. Description furnished by HARTWORTH not similar to description of **NEVER**.

**DECLERED RECORD**

**SERIAL:**

On April 14, 1943 Inspector **HEE WELLS** of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department informed Special Agent in Charge **DWIGHT HARTNEY** that a letter had been received from **IRA D. HARTWORTH, 923 North Roland Road, Independence, Missouri**, who lives in the first house south of Highway No. 24 near a Shell Filling Station, to the effect he has some information of value in the **NEVER** case and would like to have someone call upon him who is in possession of an accurate description and photograph of **NEVER**.

On the afternoon of April 14, 1943 Police Detectives **FRED HENES** and **RAY WILLIAMS** accompanied Special Agent **WILLIAM CLARK FULLER** and reporting Agent to Independence, Missouri, where Chief of Police **S. O. CATO** was contacted

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and it was determined that HATHCONE is unknown to him.

HATHCONE was then interviewed at his home by Chief COTO, Officer WILLIAMS and the writer, at which time he related that at exactly 4:40 p.m. April 9, 1943 a stranger, who was walking north on Island Road, approached the front of the HATHCONE home where Mr. HATHCONE was seated on the front porch. This stranger asked if he might come up on the porch, to which HATHCONE replied that he could, whereupon the stranger leaped "like a cat" over a stone wall bounding the yard and seated himself on the front porch, engaging in conversation with HATHCONE. He gave his name as McQUILLAN and was dressed in a checkered coat and vest with blue denim over-all pants. He wore a good pair of shoes and had on a small black cap bearing an advertisement, the cap being of a design similar to the overseas cap worn by members of the army. McQUILLAN was drinking from a pint bottle which he had in his coat pocket, and although he offered HATHCONE several drinks, HATHCONE declined. HATHCONE, it may be stated, is a man in his 70s, apparently somewhat senile, and had considerable difficulty in remembering the details of the conversation. He did say that in one instance McQUILLAN suddenly remarked "how would you like to be killed?", to which HATHCONE replied he did not know as he had never had that experience and stated that he believed McQUILLAN had in his coat pocket a hammer but did not see it, nor did he see any other weapon. After some conversation McQUILLAN inquired as to how to get to Liberty, Missouri and left the house, proceeding to Highway 24, which is nearby, and was seen to catch a ride in a car. HATHCONE has not seen nor heard of this man since.

He described him as being at least 35 years of age, which it will be noted is ten years older than NEVER, having three tattoos, two on one arm and one on the other, the design of which he was unable to describe. He was shown a full length photograph of NEVER, which he readily identified as McQUILLAN. The writer then produced an enlarged facial photograph of NEVER, handing it to HATHCONE, and asked him if he had ever seen this man, who was a partner of NEVER, loitering about the neighborhood. HATHCONE took the photograph and said this man was absolutely unknown to him and he had not seen him. He then read the descriptions of NEVER which were typed on the reverse side of both photographs and did not recognize the photographs as being of the same individual at all.

HATHCONE was carefully instructed on how to contact the Independence Police Department, which is nearby, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City office, should McQUILLAN again appear.

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**• UNDEVELOPED LEADS •**

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

- At Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas

Will keep contact with the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas Police Departments and Sheriffs' offices in both cities for any information they may secure of interest in this investigation.

Will follow out any leads secured from tracings of mail.

Will keep contact with EILEE GARNETT (former wife of Fugitive SEVER), 3009 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Will keep contact with Mrs. MARIE SALING, 1006 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is a daily visitor in the home of SEVER's parents.

Will again interview FRED WEINICH, a printer, employed at the Security Printing Company, 224 Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who is a roomer at the Sever residence, for any information that he may have received that would furnish any possible leads.

Will again interview JOSEPH GIBSON, 4339 Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Missouri, for any information he may receive concerning SEVER.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-343**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Springfield, Illinois</b>                                | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-16-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-26, 27-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JOHN E. HANSEN</b>                                      |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH NEVER, with alias, I.O. #1049, et al - FUGITIVES.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ISAAC BERNARD claims to have seen RADKAY on December 22, 1942 at Calumet City, Illinois. Unable to identify picture of RADKAY but identified picture of RICKETS as RADKAY. According to police BERNARD furnished false information.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCES:**

Bureau file #76-9396.  
Teletype from Cincinnati to Chicago and Springfield, dated February 26, 1943.  
Teletype to Cincinnati, Kansas City and Chicago from Springfield, dated February 28, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

**At Danville, Illinois**

ISAAC BERNARD, 43 College Street, advised that he met subject RADKAY on December 22, 1942 at the Paddy Club, Plummer Street, Calumet City, Illinois and next saw him on February 12, 1943. However when he was advised that subject RADKAY was not in Illinois at that time he said he might have seen him between the 12th and 16th at Calumet City. From the flyer put out by the Bureau, BERNARD identified the picture of subject RICKETS as the fellow named RADKAY, whom he said he met.

Lieutenant LEO BIRKLINE of the Danville Police Department and Deputy Sheriff RUDOLPH MUELLER, both advised that BERNARD is not reliable and is apparently trying to get back in the good graces of the law enforcement officials.

Since there is no further investigation in the Springfield Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to office of origin, R.U.C.

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 HARRY R. L. STUTT, W. M., FUGITIVE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;  
 I. C. #1009, ET AL. FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Summary of Facts: Investigation of agents and various law enforcement officials, as well as interviews with relatives, friends and contacts of the fugitive STUTT, to reflect any definite information indicating his presence in Kansas City since March 1, 1943, or his present whereabouts. Investigation continuing.

Report of:

Report of Special Agent JOHN L. BENTON, Cincinnati, 1-11-43.

Teletype from Cincinnati Office to Kansas City Office dated 3-18-43.

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This report is based upon joint investigation conducted by Special Agents H. HOLD LUCK SCOTT and MILTON B. DICKERSON.

HENRY S. BEAMAN, 6100 Blue Hills, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed at his restaurant on the corner of 12th and Grand, as well as MISS M. MERRILL, a waitress at this restaurant, who lives at 1719 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. Both Mr. BEAMAN and Miss MERRILL advised that REVER is known to them, and each stated that should REVER be seen by either, or should any word come to them concerning REVER'S whereabouts, such information would be given to the Kansas City Office.

CLYDE E. CHERRY, 2017 East 12th Street, JILLIS J. WARREN, 2918 Benton and JACK A. HILL, 1913 Central, all Kansas City, Missouri, and each a driver for the Yellow Taxi Cab Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and each of whom at times drove Cab #218, were interviewed, as information had been received at the Kansas City Office indicating that one of them knew the fugitive REVER. The information received from CHERRY, WARREN and HILL was negative.

GEORGE W. LARSON, police character, Bonaventure Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed, in view of the fact he is acquainted with Subjects REVER and REYNOLDS, but he advised he has no information concerning Subject REVER.

MISS TERRY, 17 East 24th Street, advised Agents of this office she was a long time friend of the REVER family, but stated she has no information concerning the whereabouts of the fugitive REVER.

Mrs. MARION WALING, 140 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is a sister-in-law of the late of REVER'S mother, telephonically advised the Kansas City Field Office that the REVER family had been discussing the criminal record of Subject ALBERT REVER and had mentioned the fact REVER had served a jail sentence in California for assault. Mrs. WALING later advised this office of the fact that THOMAS EUGENE REVER, brother of Subject REVER, had moved from his previous address to 141 East 33rd Street. Mrs. WALING has promised to immediately notify this office of any further information concerning any of the REVER family which might be useful to this investigation.

WERNER WEINRICH, 115 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri advised he is a roomer in the BEVER home. WEINRICH is employed as a printer at the Security Printing Company, BMA Building, Kansas City, Missouri. WEINRICH stated he has lived at the BEVER home for several months, and he is the only person outside the immediate family presently residing there. He stated he does not know the Subject RALPH BEVER personally, but stated he is the only person besides the known members of the family, who has been in the house to his knowledge. WEINRICH promised to notify the Kansas City Field Office immediately if any information concerning Fugitive BEVER came to his attention.

1. J. J. FRYER of the Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that "Fugitive" BEVER had been placed in the Kansas City Star, and Times, by ALVIN K. BEVER, the mother of Fugitive BEVER, on March 13, 1942, reading as follows:

"R. B. Don't worry anyone. You are still my darling boy. Mom."

ALDO F. KILPATRICK, member of the Fire Station, located at the corner of 30th and Indiana (residence, 319 Feery, Kansas City, Missouri), said he knew Subject BEVER slightly, having met him several times around the corner of 15th and Prospect. BEVER's former hang-out; that he has not seen BEVER lately and has no information of his present whereabouts, but if he does receive any information concerning the Fugitive BEVER, he would immediately notify the Kansas City Office.

JAY WHITE and his wife MAE WHITE, corner 15th and Central, Kansas City, Missouri, were interviewed, but no information of assistance was obtained from them. WHITE WHITE has the reputation of having previously operated a call house, and in this connection was supposed to have known BEVER.

JOHN W. WHITE, 1234 Collier Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed and advised he has known BEVER quite well; that he also knows ALVIN K. BEVER, and these two individuals used to come to the Club at 15th and Prospect, where he was bartender. WHITE said he has been afraid that BEVER would come and visit even place he read about the escape of Subject. WHITE said he at one time sold a gun for BEVER. He denied ever having discussed the possibilities of a holder of a gambling establishment, or any business, either at Parsons, Kansas, or Little Rock. However, while denying taking part in such discussions, he by inference admitted to a discussion and been had relative to the possibility of a holder of such an establishment at Little Rock, Arkansas, and in this connection, said that a girl by the name of LARNA MOLENDRE, a girl friend of BEVER, was employed in a call house in Little Rock, and that BEVER might possibly contact her.

The foregoing information concerning LAURENCE was given by letter to the Little Rock Field Division office with request that HOLLAND be located and interviewed.

JOHN GEORGE is married to Irene THOMAS. He said that FRED THOMAS, his wife's sister, is now the wife of [redacted], former big-time New York gambler and now residing at Evansville, Indiana. JOHN GEORGE said he would immediately notify the Kansas City Office should he get any information concerning BEVER.

JOSEPH H. HACHE, 1705 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, operator of a filling station at 701 Simpson, Kansas City, Kansas, advised that [redacted] had been [redacted] in Kansas City, has been [redacted] and no information of where obtained. [redacted] said he would notify the Kansas City Office should he receive any information of [redacted] whereabouts.

Two girl friends of EUGENE H. HACHE, one KATIE GILBERT, 721 East 10th, Kansas City, Missouri, and DOROTHY VAHNT, 750 East 10th, Kansas City, Missouri, were interviewed, but they had no information of value to this investigation. The GILBERT woman is a waitress at the [redacted] Club in the Stock Yards District.

Rev. F. W. SPURLOCK, 1714 East 34th, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that LEO CLYDE BIR, friend and former schoolmate of Fugitive [redacted], presently resides at 3271 [redacted] Road, Huntington Park, California. The Los Angeles Field Division was requested by letter to Advise CLYDE BIR in regard to the location of the Fugitive.

On March 13, 1943, JOSEPH E. [redacted] LICHEN, 742 North Kansas Street, Kansas City, Missouri, driver for the Yellow Cab Company, came to the Kansas City Office and advised that shortly after midnight on March 13, 1943, he had picked up a passenger at 11th and [redacted] Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, whom he believed to be BEVER, and took him to [redacted] on 40th [redacted], Kansas City, Kansas.

In company with Detectives of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, Agents [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and SCOTT, investigation was made at the location 40th and [redacted] Streets, Kansas City, Kansas, all with negative results; later, O'NEILL pointed out the correct address as 42nd [redacted], and Agents [redacted] and SCOTT, together with police officers of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, made a search of this address, where there was nothing to indicate that BEVER had been at this address. It was found that the person one O'NEILL thought was the fugitive BEVER was in reality one ALBERT EVES, 741 [redacted], who was visiting his estranged wife at this address.

Mrs. LEO WATSON, 3714 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the sister-in-law of BUDDY O'DELL, and who is well acquainted with HARVEY RALPH BEVER, stated her sister, CARMEN O'DELL, had returned from Washington, D.C. and was again residing with her. Mrs. WATSON and CARMEN O'DELL were later interviewed at their home and advised of several strange telephone calls which they could not understand: that on four or five occasions, the phone rang between the hours of 2:30 A.M. and 4:30 A.M., and on each occasion, when someone answered the telephone, there was no response from the party calling; that these calls seemed to be coming from a restaurant, or other public place, inasmuch as they could hear a variety of voices over the wire. Another reported CARMEN O'DELL to answer the phone personally on the next such an occasion, in order should it be BEVER and he wanted to make sure of whom he was talking to, he would probably recognize her voice. The telephone did ring at all ten days and CARMEN O'DELL answered, but there was no response.

On the possibility of BEVER being at work as a cook in some all-night restaurant, arrangements were made through Chief of Detectives HELLER SS of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and through Captain WATKINS, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department whereby patrolmen would check all-night restaurants and eating places for the purpose of investigating as to BEVER'S being so employed.

Chief Deputy JOHN BRADDOCK, Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, would like check to be made throughout the County of Jackson. The results in each instance have been negative.

OLLIE E. IRWIN, 5842 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is Secretary of the Cook's Union at Kansas City, Missouri, was left a copy of the Identification Order on BEVER and stated he would be on the lookout for any information that would indicate an attempt of the fugitive BEVER to get into the Cook's Union at Kansas City, Missouri.

EDWARD WATKINS was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on various State charges. He has been retained currently referred to as being a cousin of the fugitive BEVER. However, upon interview, it was found he is no relation to BEVER and has no information concerning the fugitive BEVER.

JAMES(SLIM)POWER, Deputy Constable, a former Deputy Sheriff of Jackson County, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Office and advised that EDWARD WATKINS, 1229 Lawrence, Independence, Missouri had information indicating the whereabouts of fugitive BEVER. He said WATKINS worked at the Lake City Ordnance Plant, Lake City, Missouri from midnight to 6:00 A.M. Inquiry at Lake City indicated he was not working there hours, but at this time was home, where he was later

interviewed. STODOLSKY had no information as to the fugitive BEVER, but said he had been informed indirectly that CHARLES BEVER, who had been arrested by the Police, as previously reported, was related to BEVER and a member of the same family; and that the former residence of CHARLES BEVER is located in what is known as Harlem, a river-bank settlement, in North Kansas City, Missouri, and said this would be a good hide-out for BEVER, the fugitive in this case. A search was made by the Agents through Harlem, including the former residence of CHARLES BEVER, with negative results.

DONALD E. MORRISON, 3752 Washington, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he is a driver for the Plaza Cab Company, and that he had his car taken in Kansas by two fires whom he picked up in Missouri; MORRISON was unable to identify either of the men as being identical with a picture of Subject BEVER.

AL WISSEMEYER, bartender at the Trocadero Night Club, located at 39th and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, said he was a former bartender at Martin's Cafe and knew BEVER well. WISSEMEYER said that if he received any information concerning BEVER'S whereabouts, he would immediately advise the Kansas City Office.

LILLIAN EMMETT, 301 Seabury, Kansas City, Kansas, was arrested on a State charge by the Kansas Men, Kansas Police Department on March 14, 1943. Miss EMMETT is a girl friend of JOHN SINGLETON, who is a good friend of FADAY, and known to be connected with FADAY. She advised that FAY TICKETS is also acquainted with JOHN SINGLETON and stated she has seen a letter which SINGLETON had received from FAY TICKETS. She also advised that she had been with SINGLETON when he telephoned the name of WILLIE FADAY and there talked to FAY TICKETS. Miss EMMETT could give no information of value as to the whereabouts of the fugitive BEVER.

FAY TICKETS, wife of Subject TICKETS, was re-interviewed, and she initially knew JOHN SINGLETON and also admitted having visited the BEVERs after the escape from jail at Cincinnati. She denied having any telephone conversation with SINGLETON from this residence. She stated she had only visited FADAY'S family to see if they knew anything about the fugitives. FAY TICKETS advised that she had had no further contact with the BEVERs in any manner whatsoever. In this connection, it should be said that JOHN SINGLETON, who was comparatively recently inducted into the United States Army, while on a furlough in Kansas City, Kansas, married another soldier, who later died, and that subject SINGLETON is in the Stockade at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It will be recalled that at the time BEVER, FADAY and SINGLETON were apprehended at Minneapolis, Minnesota, there was found among their baggage

one .45 Calibre Colt Automatic, which had previously been purchased by JIMMY SINGLETON. SINGLETON wrote the following letter to Agent SCOTT of this office:

"March 19, 1943

F.B.I. agent Scott.

Scotty;

If you think I can do you any good on Red or any other things, then it would probably be to your advantage to see me. I can't promise you anything in this letter but if you want to come talk to me, I'll be glad to work something out.  
Jimmy Singleton

P.S.

If not, answer back and say so, please.

"..."

An air mail, special delivery letter was immediately forwarded to the Little Rock Office, requesting that Agent interview SINGLETON for any information he might have regarding the Fugitive PENE.

WILL HOLLAND, Credit Manager of the Manchester Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri stated that Fugitive PENE was employed at intervals from February 9, 1942 to January 3, 1943, at that hotel. He advised that the Fugitive had Social Security #457-44-444. A recent report also showed that he had previously been employed during the summer of 1940 at George's Bar, in Ontario, California as a Clerk and Chamber, and also during the summer of 1941 at the Los Angeles Fairgrounds, Pomona, California, as a painter.

A letter was dispatched to the Los Angeles Field Division to conduct appropriate investigation regarding the employment of PENE at Ontario and Pomona, California.

RAY PENE was listed in PENE'S application at the Manchester Hotel, as a reference, as residing at 227 S. Main, Kansas City, Missouri. A PENE was located at 227 S. Main, Kansas City, Missouri and interviewed by Agent DREW SCOTT and Agent EDWARD RAYMOND VANCE, who advised that by occupation he is a cook. He stated he could not recall ever having known HARRY PENE. He could give no explanation of the fact that his name appeared as a reference by the Fugitive.

Dr. D. E. MITZ, 300 S. W. Professional Building, Kansas City, Missouri telephonically advised that he believed PENE had accompanied a woman known as L. T. MITZ to his office on two occasions. Investigation disclosed that the person known as L. T. MITZ was her husband,

JOHN MAXIE PATE, who resides at 210 1/2 West 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

It was reported to the Kansas City Field Office that a man answering the description of Fugitive REEF was seen on two occasions getting into a 1941 Chevrolet, tan or green in color, bearing a 1942 Virginia license #139-902. The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department was notified, but so far have been unable to locate this automobile. On March 27th, 1943, a teletype was sent to the Richmond Field Division requesting that they ascertain the identity of the owner of this car and his present whereabouts.

A teletype was received March 31, 1943 from the Richmond Field Office stating that the owner of the car bearing 1942 Virginia license #139-902 was one CARL E. SPADLIN, presently residing at 2905 Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. MILTON G. DAYTON, owner of the car at 2905 Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that the SPADLIN family had lived in her home since November 1942. She identified the car Chevrolet with 1942 Virginia license #139-902 as belonging to the SPADLIN'S.

AL CAMPBELL, 1208 St. John, Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of March 31, 1943, telephoned to LEO WATSON, 3014 Central, brother-in-law of CARL E. SPADLIN, and asked if REEF were apprehended as he thought he had seen him in the tavern at 2237 St. John, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. WATSON left for the bar at a firm. This information was furnished to the Kansas City Office by Mr. CARL E. SPADLIN.

Agent SCOTT, in company with Inspector of Detectives HENRY WATSON and Detectives FRED L. WATSON and RAY WILLIAMS, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department proceeded to the tavern located at 2237 St. John, but found the tavern had been closed for the night.

Mr. AL CAMPBELL, on interview advised that the pictures of REEF were not identifiable, he said he thought the man he saw in the tavern was REEF. However, there were two men, one of whom he believed was REEF, the other he believed to be REEF.

On the night of March 31, 1943, J. H. HANCOCK, was apprehended at 2905 Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri, and interviewed, but the description given by him did not fit that of the man believed to have been REEF.

Agent L. J. HANCOCK, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department advised that the information they had received could not



the Concourse Inn, and on proceeding to this tavern they found the party believed to be BEVER was there, and he established his identity and in so doing furnished the description of BEVER.

On March 25, 1943, JESS CALLAHAN, Guard, Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri advised R. J. SMITH, Investigator, Quartermaster Depot, that while he was sitting in the back seat of a bus on the way to work, at Independence and Prospect, about 2:20 P.M., while going east on Independence Avenue, approaching Prospect, he saw a man sitting in either a 1941 or 1942 Plymouth, or Chevrolet Coupe, light gray in color, in fact almost white, who he believed was BEVER. Mr. SMITH telephoned this information to the Kansas City Office, and Mr. CALLAHAN was interviewed and identified pictures of BEVER as being pictures of the person whom he saw in this auto. Mr. SMITH did not get the license number of the automobile, or other information. Agent SMITH gave the information later by JESS CALLAHAN to the Police Department of Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri and the Office of the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri; and in company with Special Agent DAVID C. FENWELL cruised various parts of the city and met contact with the police; also interviewed Mrs. WATSON, aunt of BEVER, and DAVID OWEN GARNETT, ex-wife, with negative results. Later inquiries of Mr. SMITH and Detective JIM CRACK, the latter of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, reflected that CALLAHAN was not reliable.

Mail covers have been kept continually on the BEVER family, DAVID G. SMITH and HAL KICKETTS, and to date nothing has developed of apparent interest.

DAVID GARNETT has been constantly kept in touch with by agents and has advised she has heard nothing concerning the whereabouts of her former husband, the fugitive BEVER, and has continually stated that should she do so, she would notify the Kansas City Office.

In regard to the telephone call made by an unknown person to DAVID GARNETT, son of BEVER and ALICE BROWN, Coatsworth, Indiana, soon after the escape of the three subjects from the Cincinnati Jail, DAVID GARNETT stated that ALICE BROWN is her sister, and that they had formerly resided at Spring Hill, Kansas, then moved to Marlinton, Indiana, and finally to Coatsworth, Indiana. DAVID GARNETT said she had never seen BEVER since that time of their present address, and she could make no application for the telephone call received from a person calling BEVER.

DAVID GARNETT further stated that she knows a few girls frequently called BEVER NOWA, their half brother of fugitive BEVER, and in this correspondence there was no discussion of anything except that of a brother-sister nature. She stated that although BEVER BEVER

had been recently on a furlough visiting his mother in Kansas City, he had not contacted her in any manner.

ROBERT BOWER was interviewed at the home of his mother and stated he had no information whatsoever concerning the whereabouts of his brother.

As result of mail tracings placed on the BOWER family's home, it was reported that a letter was received by Mr. OSCAR BOWER, father of Subject BOWER from EV. MCARD, 77 South Hermosa, Sausalito, California. It has been ascertained EV. MCARD is a niece of the father of Fugitive BOWER, Mr. OSCAR BOWER.

A lead is being set out by letter to the Los Angeles Field Division to interview Miss EV. MCARD relative to the whereabouts of Subject BOWER.

A mail tracing has been received by this office stating that Miss DALE M. EIT, former wife of the Fugitive BOWER, received a letter dated March 23, 1943, from Box 186, Monterey, California. A lead is being set out by letter for the San Francisco Field Division to ascertain the identity of the writer of this letter and any possible knowledge of BOWER'S whereabouts through this source.

A mail tracing was also received in this office from a letter to Miss DORIS S. BRETT from a Mrs. PAUL W. BRY, 2433 N. W. 23rd Street, Miami, Florida. A lead is being set out by letter for the Miami Field Division to interview Mrs. BRY with respect to the location of the Fugitive BOWER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ARD L. HUBBARD at Hill Grove and Princeton, Missouri:

ELMER E. B. Postmaster, Hill Grove, Missouri, advised that BEN BOWER, Subject BOWER'S grand-father, has been very sick the last few days and that Subject's mother, BL. B. BOWER had been visiting him often.

BL. B. B. Postmaster, Hill Grove, Missouri, advised that she had also interviewed relative to the presence in Hill Grove, Missouri, BOWER. Both advised they would immediately notify the nearest Field Office of any indication of the presence of the Fugitive that might come to their attention. They also advised they had learned that Mrs. BEN BOWER had stated she would immediately turn Fugitive BOWER in to the authorities should she learn his whereabouts, and that this matter presented an argument between her and the mother of Fugitive BOWER.

A. A. FINE, Door-keeper and Telegraph operator at Princeton, Massachusetts, said he could report any additional telegraph messages received or sent by the SMITH family of Mill Grove.

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Further reference is made to the SIMON family at Scottsburg, Indiana and to a teletype from the Indianapolis, Indiana Field Division dated March 12, 1943, in which it is set forth that the family of BEN SIMON received a cable from BEN's brother CHARLES SIMON, Coffeyville, Kansas, requesting \$30.00 he sent him at Coffeyville, date of the wire being unknown. Investigation was conducted at Coffeyville, Kansas by Special Agent WILLIAM JAMES BURKE. Agent BURKE ascertained there is a divorce proceeding pending between CHARLES SIMON and M. FLORENCE SIMON AKA M. FLORENCE SIMON and also M. FLORENCE A. SIMON, 214 East 5th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, who stated that her husband had a brother by the name of BEN SIMON, living at Scottsburg, Indiana and the wife of BEN SIMON is a sister of BLAKE MARSHALL, former wife of Subject REVER. She related she and her husband had first met REVER in 1934, when REVER and BLAKE worked at Hartman's Cafeteria in the Plaza section of Kansas City, Missouri. She stated neither of them had seen REVER since 1939. She stated she believed BEN SIMON and his wife went to Florida with REVER in the winter of 1942, where REVER was employed by Swift and Company as a truck driver in Miami, and JAMES REVER was last supposed to have been working in Oklahoma as a construction worker. She could not recall the name of this construction or its location, stating they have been apart from each other since November 1, 1942. She does know, however, that JAMES REVER was in Oklahoma up to March 7, 1943, when he returned to Coffeyville to sign the divorce papers. She said JAMES REVER stayed one night in Coffeyville and then left, stating he was going to seek a job somewhere in the State of Kansas. Mrs. BURKE is certain he has not been in Coffeyville since March 7, 1943, and is equally certain he has not heard from REVER, nor would he be in touch with him, inasmuch as he and REVER dislike each other and do not get along very well together. She suggested CHARLES SIMON, her husband, might have hired BEN SIMON for labor to get an installment on his income taxes, or possibly to pay her attorney a down payment on the divorce suit for which he is liable. SAs WILLIAM J. BURKE stated that if she ever heard from anyone any information indicating the whereabouts of REVER, she would immediately telephone the Kansas City Field Division Office, collect, and convey the information.

PENDING

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION - At Camp Claiborne, Arkansas:

All interview JOHN SENEVIER as requested in letter from the Kansas City Office dated March 25, 1943, bearing in mind that ST. CLARENCE is a prisoner in the Stockade and probably has information concerning ST. CLARENCE and the possibility he may have been contacted by ST. CLARENCE while he, ST. CLARENCE, was in Kansas City, Kansas on Purlough; as reflected in the last part of this report, there is no question concerning the association between ST. CLARENCE and Subject J. M. Y.

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ALL locate and interview LENNY WOLFOWITZ, former close friend of WOLFOWITZ in Kansas City, Missouri and now said to be working in some large gambling establishment in Little Rock. She should be interviewed about the lines of the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Little Rock Office dated March 12, 1943, wherein it was set out that WOLFOWITZ might have in some manner communicated with or contacted WOLFOWITZ. Also in the event she have some information concerning contacts that might be of interest.

THE DENVER POST-TRIBUNE - At Denver, Colorado;

Will interview ROBERT ROBERTS, Denver PD 100,286, who is  
said to be in jail case and formerly operated with Subject "BILLY"  
in Denver during 1967. He should be interviewed for any information he  
may have concerning contacts of "B" in Denver.

4) Interview Detectors A. J. TIGHE and M. J. CANNON of the  
Dublin Police Department, who are associated with TIGHE and his opera-  
tions in the '60s.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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At Ontario, California, at Seap's Bar:

SEAP is reported to have worked from April 1941 to August 1941 as Clerk-Carrier for Seap's Bar. Inquiries should be made to secure any information that might be of assistance leading to the location and apprehension of fugitive REVER.

At Pomona, California, at the Los Angeles Fair Grounds:

Will make appropriate investigation, it being reported that from April 1941 to September 1941 REVER worked there as a painter. It will be made in conducting this investigation as to whether or not REVER was a member of any union.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION - Monterey, California:

Will report to Los Angeles office at Post Office Box 116. Also DIANE B. BETH, wife of the fugitive REVER, received at Los Angeles office letter dated March 25, 1943, bearing the return address: "Mrs. B. B. Monterey, California."

FLORIDA FIELD DIVISION - Miami, Florida:

Will ascertain the identity of Mrs. PAUL B. BETH, 2523 North 1st Street. A small cover or card DIANE BETH, for or from, bearing the name BETH, reflects a mailing dated April 20, 1943, coming from Mrs. PAUL BETH. In this connection, it should be ascertained that BETH, BETH and BETH are all in Florida and is the wife of these persons to their point in Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri; and Kansas City, Kansas:

1. Keep contact with the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas Police Departments and Sheriffs' offices in order to be kept informed of any information of interest in this investigation.

2. Follow out any leads secured from tracing of mail.

3. Keep contact with ALICE HARRIS (former wife of Fugitive JAMES EARL RAYNES, alias "Slim", Missouri).

4. Keep contact with JAMES EARL RAYNES, alias "Slim", Missouri, and his parents, JAMES EARL RAYNES, alias "Slim", and his mother, ALICE HARRIS, alias "Slim", in the home of JAMES EARL RAYNES, alias "Slim", Missouri.

5. Keep in contact with JAMES EARL RAYNES, alias "Slim", employed at the Security Printing Co., Inc., Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and his mother at the Tever residence, for any information that he may have received that will furnish any definite leads.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Saint Louis, Missouri</b>                  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-13-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3/22-26/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWARD M. WITTON</b>                                     |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEYER, with alias, FUGITIVE, et al.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Sales girl at Bonds Clothing Store, referred to in Cincinnati, Ohio, believed to be one ISABELLE FRICKELTON, suspect prostitute residing alone in an apartment in West St. Louis. Discreet investigation disclosed FRICKELTON has no apparent source of income, but dresses extravagantly and lives very well. Identity of CHARLES A. MORRIS, paramour of FRICKELTON's, known. No indication at present that fugitive BEYER is contacting FRICKELTON. No criminal record on FRICKELTON at St. Louis Police Department. Mail cover placed.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 76-9296.  
Letter to Bureau from Cincinnati Field Division dated 3-19-43.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by the writer and Special Agent ROBERT NIELSEN KINGS:

Upon receipt of the reference letter to this office, reporting agent contacted Mr. JOSEPH A. SINGLER, Treasurer of the Hethschild Bros Hat Company, St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of ascertaining the reliability of some individual in charge at Bonds Clothing Store in order that identification could be made as to the unknown sales girl pointed out in the reference letter. The agent was referred to Mr. MORRIS L. SILBERMAN, General Manager of the Bonds Clothing Store, 6th and Washington, St. Louis,

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Mr. MORRIS L. SILBERMAN, when interviewed, submitted to the agents the names of six girls from the employment slips retained by their Personnel Department.

A check of these personnel records revealed only one girl that appeared identical to the description set out in the reference report. The personnel sheet reflected this girl's name to be Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON of 4364 Lindell Ave., Apartment 7, St. Louis, Mo., who had been employed as a salesgirl at the Men's Haberdashery Department from October 14, 1942 to approximately December 15, 1942. Mr. SILBERMAN was questioned as to the identity of this girl, and the identity of the girl referred to in reference letter was the same that Mr. SILBERMAN had given the agent. Mr. SILBERMAN advised that the other girls lived at home with their parents, as their personnel records indicated, and that there was one other girl that possibly might be the unknown saleslady; however, her personnel record reflects that she was only twenty-one years old and was a blonde.

The description set out on the personnel record reflected ISABELLE FRICKELTON to be twenty-eight years old, five feet three inches, 120 pounds, and a brunette. Mr. SILBERMAN continued by stating that ISABELLE FRICKELTON had been dismissed from the store because she had been coming in late for work and had been doing quite a bit of drinking. Mr. SILBERMAN stated that her condition was so bad that she was an insult to the customers. He stated that there was a rumor about the store that her reputation was not of the best and that for the general good of the store she was dismissed.

Mr. SILBERMAN stated that for days at a time she would come in with the smell of liquor on her breath and at times her hands apparently shook, which was from too much liquor. He stated that he warned her continually because she was an excellent salesgirl, but in view of her having been seen drinking at noon hour with unknown men in taverns around the city he decided to discontinue with her services. Mr. SILBERMAN added that FRICKELTON was a very good looking girl and was exceedingly well-groomed and well-dressed. Mr. SILBERMAN stated that he knew nothing else about this girl, but suggested that the agent contact Mr. BARRY LAUNY, who was the Manager on the Men's Haberdashery counter.

Mr. LAUNY, when interviewed, advised that the description of to him by the agents matched the description of FRICKELTON identical, and stated that FRICKELTON not only wore \$175.00 suits and had a good fur coat costing a great deal of money, but that she wore a one and

large diamond ring on her left hand. He also advised that he was positive of this because at one time he had commented to FRICKELTON on the beauty of this ring and on other occasions had commented on its beauty to Mr. SILBERMAN. He also stated that she was an excellent saleslady, but that she apparently ran around too much and could not properly assume her duties at work on the following days after she had been out all night. He stated that he was not positive about her background, but that through hearsay, it had been rumored that she had a very bad reputation. He stated that he had observed her conduct while at work and that she used to make dates or carry on conversations with men at the counter to the neglect of other customers. He stated that he did not know whether she was a divorcee or not and was not positive of her income that would enable her to buy expensive clothes and advised the agent that she either received an income from some estate or that she had engaged in prostitution. He advised that she had been employed at the store since October 14, 1942 and was dismissed for laying off the job. She left the store approximately December 19, 1942. Mr. LAHEY also advised that he remembered every girl distinctly that worked at the haberdashery counter and that the description given him by the agent was absolutely identical to the description of Miss FRICKELTON.

Mr. LAHEY advised that all purchases made at the haberdashery counter were strictly cash transactions and that no slips were made out for any articles purchased there.

Agent also displayed to both Mr. SILBERMAN and Mr. LAHEY the pictures of subjects RICKETTS and RATHAY and SEVER, but they advised that they were not familiar with these men and do not believe that they had seen them in the store around November or December of last year.

Mr. LAHEY advised that their employees were bonded and that if the agent so desired, probably the true birth date and record of Miss FRICKELTON could be obtained through the Bond Stores, Inc., 261 9th Avenue, New York, New York, through Mr. M. FRANKEL.

Contact was had with Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and whose records reflected the name of one JANE FRICKELTON, 9979a Wells Avenue, with business address at the Leman Hotel. This card was dated September 1, 1936.

Contact was also had with Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and a credit record dated in 1936 reflected that Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON, residing at 1366 Lindell Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri was listed therein and her occupation was shown as "income from the family".

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A check with the City Directory for 1942 reflects that Miss FRICKELTON occupies Apartment 1 at her Lindell address.

A check was made through the St. Louis Police Department of the Bureau of Records room which reflected that they had no criminal record on a Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON.

Discreet investigation was first made to ascertain the reliability of the Manager of the Cathedral Court Apartments at 4372 Lindell Avenue, and it was ascertained that Mrs. ALICE ZOLLINGER had been managing these apartments for a number of years. Inquiry further indicated that this woman was reliable and could be trusted.

Mrs. ALICE ZOLLINGER, Manager of the Cathedral Court Apartments at 4372 Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that Miss FRICKELTON had been residing at her apartment at 4366 Lindell, which apartments were in the same courts since approximately December of 1941. Mrs. ZOLLINGER advised that Miss FRICKELTON had been residing previously, up until December 1942, in Apartment F of 4364 Lindell, but had recently moved last December to a corner apartment on the third floor known as Apartment 1 at 4366 Lindell.

Mrs. ZOLLINGER advised that since the girl moved her rent had been increased from \$40.00 to \$42.50 per month. Mrs. ZOLLINGER advised that this was an unfurnished apartment and that Miss FRICKELTON HAD her own furniture moved up to her apartment. Mrs. ZOLLINGER was not sure, however, she stated she believed the girl did own an automobile and that she would subsequently contact the St. Louis Field Division and advise them of the license number and model and make of Miss FRICKELTON's automobile.

Mrs. ZOLLINGER stated that this girl was a very attractive girl and a very neat dresser. Mrs. ZOLLINGER described her as "neat as a pin", stating that she wore, in her estimation, very expensive suits and dresses, and has a fur coat worth at least \$2000.

Mrs. ZOLLINGER stated that she was not positive, but she believed that Miss FRICKELTON last worked at the Home Clothing Store downtown in St. Louis, but believes that at the present time she is unemployed. Mrs. ZOLLINGER was unable to state where Miss FRICKELTON obtains her income. She stated that Miss FRICKELTON has a few visitors although she may have more because the apartment is so laid out that it would be easy for someone to visit her without Mrs. ZOLLINGER knowing it. Mrs. ZOLLINGER also stated that the apartments are so arranged that there is no lobby, therefore, she can not keep an eye on who comes or goes to each individual apartment. She further stated that there is a side entrance on both sides of this apartment and that each

apartment is accessible by a side stairway which a great many people use. Mrs. ZOLLINGER further stated that she has a few friends in the assembly of apartments and thinks that Miss FRICKELTON is on friendly terms with a Miss NICKMAN and a Mrs. CUNNINGHAM, who live opposite her apartment in the Court.

Mrs. ZOLLINGER stated, however, that Miss FRICKELTON never mixes with the other tenants, outside of these two women, and does not seem to be a very friendly person.

She stated that Miss FRICKELTON pays for her apartment in cash and has always paid her rent promptly. Mrs. ZOLLINGER advised, however, that she does not know where the subject gets her money and was unable to indicate the source of her income.

Mrs. ZOLLINGER stated that occasionally Miss FRICKELTON will call her on the telephone regarding repairs to be made at the apartment, and sometimes will be in such a violent temper that she can hardly restrain herself. She stated that Miss FRICKELTON uses very strong language and yet in the same breath apologizes for speaking to her in that manner. Mrs. ZOLLINGER advised that sometime or other she might have seen men going into her apartment, although she was unable to recall who they were. Pictures of subjects RICKETS, RATHAY and BAKER were displayed to Mrs. ZOLLINGER and she advised that she had never seen these men before.

As far as Mrs. ZOLLINGER knows, she also stated that this girl has never caused any trouble to the apartments nor have they had any complaint from other neighbors concerning her activities.

Mrs. ZOLLINGER advised the agent that she would be glad to cooperate in any manner whatsoever, and that in the event she received additional information, she would immediately contact this office.

It was ascertained from Mrs. ZOLLINGER that Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS J. CONNY, who occupy an apartment immediately adjoining that of Miss FRICKELTON, were very reliable young couple.

The CONNYS were interviewed and during the course of the interview it was developed that Mrs. CONNY is closely acquainted with Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY of the Bureau and, as a matter of fact, was raised with Mr. CONNELLY's son in Covington, Kentucky. It was ascertained that the CONNYS

have an apartment identical to that of ISABELLE FRICKELTON, and that they first moved into the building in 1942.

They both stated that FRICKELTON was a very attractive and extremely well dressed young woman, who has no set routine or schedule of living and habits. The conduct of FRICKELTON has been such since CONNIE moved into the building that their interest and curiosity has been actively aroused. They advised that FRICKELTON has a car, is highly nervous, and uses violent profane language to almost every one that comes to her door and is in a perpetual grouchy mood. According to the CONNIE, she has guests who come and go at odd hours, and invariably these guests use the back stairway rather than the front stairway to the building. The CONNIE were unable to furnish any descriptive information of these guests. They particularly mentioned one visitor however, a man who first came to their notice in October of 1942. This man is always at the apartment over the weekend and is very rarely there during the week. They have overheard FRICKELTON use vulgar and profane language in speaking to this man when FRICKELTON calls "CHARLIE". Both of the CONNIE stated that it was beyond their comprehension that any man with a little backbone would tolerate such language and treatment from any woman. On one or two occasions they have overheard FRICKELTON in her "usual" language tell CHARLIE to get right out and get her more money. The CONNIE were unable to give any description of CHARLIE, but stated that from his conversation overheard by them, he appears to be a man of refinement who speaks in a soft well modulated voice. At one time, when FRICKELTON was working, Mrs. CONNIE stated that she used a tamboob every day and that now FRICKELTON is apparently unemployed, but she still uses a tamboob frequently.

In view of CONNIE's close association with Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY, the CONNIE stated that they would render any assistance that they possibly could to the Bureau in this matter, and they were both cautioned of the extremely confidential nature of this investigation and told not to discuss it with any of their friends or associates. They agreed to observe FRICKELTON's premises and communicate with the writer in the event of any further developments.

Contact was had by the writer and Special Agent ROBERT NIELSEN KINGS of this office with Mr. J. MITCHELL at the Retail Credit Company located at 17th and Olive Street. Mr. MITCHELL advised the agents that he had a credit report dated December 22, 1939 which reflected that the subject was twenty-five years old and was listed as her occupation, "seamstress for self". The credit report also reflects that Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON drinks to excess and is a suspected prostitute living alone at 4335 Lindell Avenue.

The records also indicate that she has no known business connections nor visible means of support.

The credit report also reflected that she pays \$65.00 a month at her address and is always dressed in the height of fashion. It was also stated that she was requested to leave at her addresses at 4405 West Pine and 4535 Lindell Avenue.

Mr. MITCHELL advised that this credit report had been made out for the purpose of checking FRICKELTON's background for application for life insurance with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. MITCHELL advised that people who probably might have some information concerning this girl were Mrs. MARY FURCELL, Manager of the Ellsworth Apartments at 4405 West Pine Street, and Mr. HENRY H. SCHUMACHER, Manager of the Ellsworth Drug Company, located at the same address.

The credit report concludes by stating that FRICKELTON is a person old for her age and that it was doubted whether her present name of FRICKELTON was her real name, because according to the credit investigator, she had received mail under another name which was not known. The credit report states that the girl alleges that her parents lived in Sterling, Illinois, and that her father was a mine superintendent there. FRICKELTON lists as her source of income, a stipulated amount which she receives monthly from her parents.

Contact was had with Informant T-4, who advised that Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON has an unpublished or unlisted telephone which was determined to be Newton 4940. Informant T-4 also stated that FRICKELTON's telephone bills dated back to February 9, 1935. She is considered a poor payer. No references were given by her on her telephone pay record. Over a period of the last four months, it was ascertained that FRICKELTON made two local suburban and one long distance call which are set out below as follows:

2-13-35 Phone call to  
2-13-35 Mrs. J. J. Smith, 9025 Sgar Road, Apt. B, Webster Groves, Mo.  
2-14-35 Mr. DELACROIX, Chester, Ill., Telephone Exchange 286.  
2-15 & 26-35 LEE RAY, Overland, Missouri, Telephone Wabash 166-B.

A check of the St. Louis Police Department records and a check in the office indices on the above parties did not reflect any criminal record or information, and at the present time no further inquiry will be made by these parties unless information arises which would indicate that such leads are pertinent to the investigation.

Contact was made with Mrs. NUTT GAHER, cashier at the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., Postmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis, and with Miss ALICE MUDGER, cashier of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Chemical Building, and both people advised that they had no record of FRICKELTON making application for insurance at their companies. Both advised that undoubtedly the girl had been denied insurance on the basis of credit report and for that reason the application of this girl for insurance would be destroyed.

The writer and Special Agent KINUS contacted Mr. J. SNOWTALL through Mr. MONTGOMERY, Assistant Manager of the Lamm Hotel, and Mr. SNOWTALL checked the personnel records on JANE FRICKELTON, who had alleged that she had worked at the Lamm Hotel at one time. Mr. SNOWTALL advised that he had three girls listed under the name of FRICKELTON, which he knew to be sisters and who had formerly worked at their hotel as general workers in the hotel laundry approximately nine to ten years ago. The employment records reflected the names of BERTHA FRICKELTON, JANE FRICKELTON and ISABELLE FRICKELTON.

The employment record on ISABELLE FRICKELTON indicated that this party was identical to the Miss FRICKELTON residing at 4366 Lindell Avenue. The employment record reflected the following information:

|                |                             |
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| Born           | 1919, Panama City, Illinois |
| Weight         | Unknown                     |
| Hair           | Dark                        |
| Eyes           | Color unknown               |
| Marital status | Single                      |
| Residence      | 3403 Barner Avenue          |

The records reflected that the girl was employed at the hotel February 9, 1933 and left the employ of the hotel probably around the beginning of 1933. It is observed that at that time her age was 16, which would make her approximately 26 years old at the present time.

Mr. SNOWTALL advised that the other two sisters of Miss FRICKELTON who were working with her were 17 and 18 years old and that ISABELLE FRICKELTON was the younger of the three. He stated that he believed at that time that they all resided at 3403 Barner Avenue. Mr. SNOWTALL advised that BERTHA FRICKELTON married a captain of the bell boys in the dining room and is presently married to one WALTER SCOTT GRISCH, who is now employed at some Defense Plant in St. Louis. He stated that they are residing at 4928a Wren Avenue. Mr. SNOWTALL also



advised that of the three girls, ISABELLE seemed to be the wildest and that if he could recall, he believes that her reputation was not good while she was employed at the hotel.

The reporting agent was advised by telephone from Mrs. ELLINGER, Manager of the Cathedral Court Apartments that the automobile listed in her records as being owned by Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON was a 1941 Chevrolet sedan bearing license numbers 467-979, 1942 Missouri Plates, Motor No. AA-928,418.

Reporting agent was also telephonically advised by Mr. RUSSELL AMERIN, Clerk at the Automobile Theft Bureau of the St. Louis Police Department that this license plate was issued to a series of cars belonging to the Missouri Portland Cement Company having offices at 3617 Olive Street, Continental Building.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT NIELSEN KINGS:

Mrs. FLORENCE DARRICH, Assistant to the Superintendent in Charge of Personnel at Famous-Barr Company, advised that a girl who gave her name as Mrs. ISABELLE FRICKELTON, maiden name MULL, and residing at 4335 Lindall Blvd. was employed as a special demonstrator in the Cigar Department of this store for two separate periods, one from November 23, 1940 to December 28, 1940, and the other from May 2, 1941 to July 5, 1941. This girl, whose Social Security Number is 498-18-3871, filled out her application blank by stating that she was divorced, was 23 years of age in 1940, being born on January 27, 1919. She stated that she was divorced and that she had worked at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, for two years around 1936. Verification of this employment could not be made by Famous-Barr inasmuch as their letter of inquiry to the Sherman Hotel was returned with a negative response. Further interviews with Mrs. FRICKELTON by Personnel Office of Famous-Barr resulted in the employment at the Sherman Hotel being fixed at 12 years prior to 1940 for a two year period under a Mr. ROSS of the Sherman Hotel.

Famous-Barr endeavored to verify this employment by mail, but were unsuccessful. In her application for employment with Famous-Barr, the following references were given by FRICKELTON:

Mr. and Mrs. N. JOHNSON, 6401 Nottingham, St. Louis, Mo.  
Miss M. ECKING, 711 Union, St. Louis, Mo.  
CHARLES NORDEN, 6141 Washington, St. Louis, Mo.  
JOSEPH WELLINGTON, 4308 Edgewater, St. Louis, Mo.  
JOSEPH BAGGOTT, 3439 Cahoon Ave., St. Louis, Mo.



Mrs. CHARLOTTE HOLBROOK, Assistant to the Superintendent of Scruggs-Vanderweert-Barney, Inc., was contacted in order to ascertain whether or not FRICKELTON was employed by this department store, but such investigation produced negative results.

Reporting Agent and Special Agent KINGS contacted Mr. LEO JUNKELAND, dispatcher of Yellow Cab Company, 4617 Delmar Blvd., who advised that a check of their records failed to reflect a daily trip to the address at 436 Lindell Boulevard.

Agents likewise contacted Mr. GEORGE SMITH, Supervisor in Charge of The Dispatching Office of the Black & White Cab Company, 2nd and Delmar Blvd. who advised that a check of their records did reflect that the Black & White Cab Company received a call from 436 Lindell Blvd., Apartment 1, at approximately 3:23 AM on March 20, 1943. A check of the records reflected the driver to be one, J. STEWART, a caddy driving Cab #62, which made the run from FRICKELTON's address to an apartment at 4312 Matheron Avenue. The time listed was 3:20 AM to 3:25 AM. A lead is being set out to interview J. STEWART, the taxicab driver with a view to ascertaining whether or not he might have driven fugitive MURKIN from that address to the Matheron address. A further check by Mr. GEORGE SMITH failed to reveal any further call by cabs to the address at 436 Lindell Blvd.

Reporting agent and Special Agent KINGS interviewed Mr. THOMAS HAGENOW, Manager of the Ellsworth Drug Company at West Pine and Newstead Avenue, who states that he knows of ISABELLE FRICKELTON and has seen her occasionally in the Drug Store, but that he does not know her personally and advised that he remembers the messenger boy at the drug store making a few calls to her apartment at her Lindell Street address, but that her account is strictly cash and that her purchases consist only of beer and cigarettes. Mr. HAGENOW was unable to furnish any additional information.

Agents likewise interviewed Mrs. MARY FURCELL, Manager of the Ellsworth Apartments, located at West Pine and Newstead, who advised that ISABELLE FRICKELTON lived at her apartments from May 15, 1937 to April 30, 1939 paying about \$40.00 to \$45.00 a month rent. Mrs. FURCELL stated that in her estimation FRICKELTON was no more than a tramp or streetwalker and that she had on many occasions seen various men go to her apartment at different hours during the day and night. Mrs. FURCELL stated that she was continually drinking and boisterous and that her patience was exhausted with this girl when she got so boisterous with some man in the apartment restaurant that she ordered her to leave.

Mrs. FURCELL also stated that FRICKELTON had advised her that her occupation was that of a dress designer, although she was unable to state where she worked. Mrs. FURCELL stated that she believed ISABELLE had lived,

with a sister named JANE at an address on Margaret Avenue. However, she stated that she was not clear as to whether or not this was the exact address. She advised the agents that this girl was always prompt with her rent and thought that they had gone to live at the Monticello Apartments over on Lindell Avenue. She left her apartment. Mrs. FURCELL stated that she believed ISABELLE FRICKELTON had also been ejected from the Monticello Apartments later on. She stated, however, that although her character was very doubtful, her general reputation was good. She did state that she was an attractive girl and that she attracted many men. She also advised that this girl wore excellent clothes and although she appeared Jewish to her, she did not believe that she was of Hebrew extraction. Mrs. FURCELL stated that she was unable to give any further information, but recommended the agents to THOMAS NEAL, a BUTCHER working at the Harry Kuchenshank Meat Market located in her Building, whom she heard had known the girl's family over in Illinois. Mrs. FURCELL assured the agents that this man was reliable and that she felt he could be trusted if interviewed concerning this girl.

Accordingly, this man was interviewed in Mrs. FURCELL's apartment and he advised that his name was THOMAS NEAL; that he had been a butcher at Harry Kuchenshank's Meat Market for four or five years. Mr. NEAL was advised of the confidential nature of this investigation and it was specifically pointed out to him that should this interview be reported to Miss FRICKELTON, it might cause the loss of a Federal fugitive and serious results for him. Mr. NEAL advised that he was willing to cooperate with the agents of the Bureau and was willing to give every bit of information that he knew concerning this girl.

Mr. NEAL stated that he has known of ISABELLE FRICKELTON all her life because he knew her parents when he was residing over in Parma City, Illinois. Mr. NEAL advised that he knew her family and her parents. He stated that she is probably one of 14 children as far as he can remember, although he does not know the exact number. Nevertheless, he stated that it was a very large family who never had much money but that her father and mother were very poor, hard-working but honest people. He stated that ISABELLE FRICKELTON's father's name was JOHN FRICKELTON and that he had worked practically all of his life as a coal miner in the mines at Parma City, Illinois. He stated that he does not remember her mother's name, but that he was sure that they had been born in that part of the country. He advised that her parents are now living in St. Louis with their son-in-law, Mr. GRISCH and daughter NERTHA. He stated that he is not positive but that he believed ISABELLE had three older sisters, namely, ELIZABETH, NERTHA and JANE. He states that he also believes

that she has several brothers, two of them being in the armed service at the present time. Mr. NEAL advised that he could not say whether the individual in question has ever been married, although he had heard rumors that she was once divorced.

Mr. NEAL said that he had not lived in Panama, Illinois for about twenty years; that he had lived in that City from the time he was about six until he was twenty years of age, when he left there and came to St. Louis to go to work. He stated that Panama is a coal town, about 2,000 population and during the depression the mines had closed down and a great many families had left there to seek employment elsewhere. He added that he is not sure, but that FRICKELTON's father had given up mining because of his health and had come over to St. Louis. According to Mr. NEAL, Mr. FRICKELTON was not able to make much of a living at the present time since the mines had closed down.

Mr. NEAL continued that he does not know much about ISABELLE other than that she still occasionally drops into his store to place an order, although the majority of her items are purchased by telephone and that she pays cash for them. He advised that he has seen ISABELLE off and on for about the last three years when she used to live at the Ellsworth apartments. He stated that she must have been very young when she left home. He also advised that he knows nothing about her associates or habits and could give the agents no idea as to her general character and reputation. He advised that the girl's nationality is Scotch Irish, stating the name, FRICKELTON, was Scotch descent. He advised that he has noticed several orders placed for her and that there is always enough food purchased for two people, although she may buy this food to last her two days. He states that occasionally she may come into the store with a girl friend, but that he has never seen her in the company of any man. He states that she has been making purchases of this type for over a year and that it has always been her way of ordering food. He advised that he does not know what she does for a living although he stated that she is well-groomed, wears excellent clothes, and is an attractive girl.

It was observed through the local papers in St. Louis that an unwarranted assault for the purpose of robbery was made on Mrs. BETTY JANE DEAL, local housewife residing at 6611 Barr Avenue. The first description given by Mrs. DEAL indicated that this man was young, and that it was believed by this office that possibly he may be identical to fugitive BEVEN. However, a check on March 24, 1942 with Sheriff ARNOLD WILLMAN's Office, St. Louis County, revealed that the identity of the assailant was known to be one, ROBERT REISS, a 21 year old man residing at 2616 Lucille Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. It was apparent from this that this man was not identical to the fugitive of instant case.

Agents also interviewed Mr. HERT H. SCHNEIDERMAN, Drug Clerk at 609 North Grand, Universal Drug Company, who advised that he had known ISABELLE FRICKELTON from coming into the drug store and ordering cosmetics, but advised the agent that he did not know much about her. It appeared to the agents, at the time of the interview, that this man had more information, but in view of his denying that he did not know much about her, no further effort was made to interview him.

Through the cooperation of Mr. EDWARD W. MATHIE, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Missouri Portland Cement Company, and Mr. J. V. MATHIE, Vice-President & General Counsel of the Missouri Portland Cement Company, with offices in the Continental Building on the 15th & 16th Floors, located at Grand and Olive Streets, the reporting agent and Special Agent KINGS confidentially discussed the reason for the automobile registered in their company's name being kept in the Apartment Garage of Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON. It is pointed out here that Mr. MATHIE is known personally to the reporting agent, who had formerly dealt with him in the insurance business before the reporting agent's entrance into the Bureau. It is the reporting agent's knowledge that Mr. MATHIE is a reliable individual and that confidential matters may be discussed with him. This matter had previously been discussed by the agents with Special Agent in Charge C. B. MORRIS, and it was determined to confidentially interview Mr. MATHIE and Mr. MATHIE regarding the individual to whom the 1941 Chevrolet was issued during the course of business.

A summary of the publicly known facts of this case was presented to Mr. MATHIE and Mr. MATHIE, and the importance of this case was stressed to them in view of the fact that a dangerous and well known Federal fugitive was at large. It was also pointed out to these gentlemen that this office was in no way concerned with the maintenance of a woman by one of their salesmen, nor was it concerned with the relations between the salesman and ISABELLE FRICKELTON. It was also suggested to Mr. MATHIE that the reporting agent and Special Agent KINGS were interested in knowing whether contact had been made by fugitive BEVER with ISABELLE FRICKELTON, or whether she might possibly know where he is located at the present time. It was also brought out that if the salesman cooperated with this office, it would directly avoid any publicity as far as their Company was concerned, and that if the salesman cooperated, it could be easily be determined whether or not the fugitive was in contact with this woman.

Mr. MATHIE and Mr. MATHIE both advised the agents that they realized the seriousness of the case, especially where there might be a possibility the Harboring Statute was involved. Both Mr. MATHIE and Mr. MATHIE advised that they would give this office the fullest cooperation possible, stating previous cases they had always been helpful to agents of this office. MATHIE advised that the car listed by agents to them was issued to one, J

having residence at 6341 Washington, where he resides with his mother. Mr. MATHER stated that he is about 38 years old, single, and has been employed as a salesman for their Company since 1938. Mr. MATHER also pointed out that he has never been in trouble as far as he knew, but that he did like to drink and probably had a few women on the string. Mr. MATHER also advised that KIMM's father at one time worked for the Portland Cement Company and had held an executive position there some years ago. Mr. MATHER and Mr. KIMM also advised that this salesman KIMM makes about \$3,000.00 a year plus small commissions, but that it is also known that he has a private income of his own. They were unable to state just how much that amounted to.

Mr. MATHER also advised the agent that Mr. KIMM was very proud of his reputation and was constantly in fear that his name and social position would be in any way brought into disrepute, especially in regard to the effect it may have upon his mother. Mr. MATHER advised the agents that he was quite sure that Mr. KIMM would cooperate with the agents of this office and intimated to the agents that by reason of his position with his Company, he would see that Mr. KIMM does cooperate with the agents of the Bureau.

Mr. MATHER advised that Mr. KIMM at the present time is on the road, but that he should be in at the end of this week or the beginning of next week, however, he advised the agent that he would inform Mr. KIMM that the Bureau would like to obtain some information from him so that it would be possible for the agents to arrange an interview with Mr. KIMM as soon as possible. Mr. MATHER stated that he would see that Mr. KIMM contacted the agents as soon as possible when he arrived in from his trip. Both Mr. KIMM and Mr. MATHER were thanked by the agents for their cooperation in this matter.

Under date of March 24, 1943 a request was made to the Postmaster, W. RUFUS JACKSON, St. Louis, Missouri, that a mail cover and tracer be placed on all incoming mail of ISABELLE FRICKELTON at her address at 4366 Lindell, Apartment 1.

Reference is made to reference letter from the Cincinnati Field Division to the Bureau dated March 19, 1943, a copy of which was designed for this office, wherein it is pointed out that the conditions for running an ad in the personal column in one of the St. Louis newspapers in the case of the subjects in this case became separated. This matter was discussed with reporting agent and Special Agent in Charge C. B. MORRIS as to the advisability

at the present time of placing this ad in one of the local newspapers. However, it was determined that such an ad would not be placed in the local newspapers until after CHARLES KIRBY was interviewed, which interview might develop some leads indicating that KIRBY may be here at the present time.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

**THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION**

**At St. Louis, Missouri:**

Will interview Cobby J. STEWART, Black and White Taxicab Company, with main offices at 2nd & Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, for the purpose of ascertaining the passenger that he carried on March 22, 1949 from FRICKELTON's address to 4912 McPherson Avenue. Will also display to Cobby STEWART the picture of fugitive NEVER.

Will interview Mr. CHARLES A. KUMER, Salesman for Missouri Portland Cement Company, and obtain from him information concerning ISABELLE FRICKELTON along with his cooperation in determining whether or not this girl knows fugitive NEVER or whether she has had contact with him or might possibly know his location at the present time.

**Informant T-4 101**



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-881**

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY MALPH SEVEN, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869, et al.</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**E. K. LYMAN**, Insurance Agent, Monterey, Calif., holds P. O. Box 186. I.O. #1869 displayed to postal employees with negative results. Mr. and Mrs. **E. K. LYMAN**, 1161 Franklin Street, interviewed with negative results as to subject's whereabouts. Mrs. **LYMAN** has known Subject **SEVEN** and his former wife, **DIXIE GARNETT**, since 1936, when Mrs. **LYMAN** and Miss **GARNETT** worked together in Kansas City, Mo., but has not seen Subject **SEVEN** since 1940 and states Miss **GARNETT** has not mentioned him in her correspondence which is infrequent. **LYMAN** will cooperate.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 76-9806;  
Kansas City letter to San Francisco dated 3-30-43.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

Assistant Post Master **KENNETH U. BROWN** advised that P. O. Box 186 has been held for many years by **E. K. LYMAN**, reliable insurance man of 106 Benifacio Street, home 1161 Franklin Street. I. O. #1869 was exhibited to **BROWN**, clerk **BOYD SMITH** and other postal employees with negative results.

Mr. **E. K. LYMAN** advised that he knew of Subject **SEVEN** because his wife was a good friend of **SEVEN**'s former wife, **DIXIE GARNETT**, having worked with her in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated Miss **GARNETT** visited Mrs. **LYMAN** in Monterey for a week in 1941, but that the latter could hardly believe the reports of **SEVEN**'s criminal activities until her mother sent clippings from Kansas City newspapers. He stated he has no information

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on SEVEN's whereabouts and will cooperate with the Bureau in the event such information comes to the attention of himself or his wife.

Mrs. E. E. LYMAN stated that SEVEN's former wife, DIXIE GARNETT, worked with her at the Bell Art Restaurant in Kansas City in 1938, this restaurant having since gone out of business. She added that she corresponds with DIXIE GARNETT, from whom she received a letter postmarked March 29, 1948, but that the letter has not mentioned SEVEN in any of her letters which are infrequent. In this last letter, DIXIE GARNETT informed Mrs. LYMAN that she is working at the Commercial Equipment Company, 18th and Madec Streets, Kansas City. Mrs. LYMAN stated she last saw SEVEN about 1940, adding that she thinks that DIXIE GARNETT is "through with Red" and would not protect him in any way. Mrs. LYMAN advised she has no information as to SEVEN's whereabouts, and turned over to agent a group of clippings on him sent to her by her relatives in Kansas City, Missouri. These clippings are being placed in the San Francisco file.

Mrs. LYMAN stated that prior to 1938, SEVEN frequented MILTON's TAP ROOM on Truett Street, Kansas City, Missouri, where JULIA LEE, colored, played and sang, adding that this singer knew SEVEN quite well. She added that SEVEN's mother-in-law, Mrs. "SEVEN" -----, Spring Hill, Kansas, was very fond of SEVEN because he was married for some years to her daughter, DIXIE GARNETT. She could not recall the mother-in-law's last name as she has remarried, but said SEVEN might attempt to obtain help from her. She also recalled that SEVEN knew a JACK FORD in Ontario, California, where SEVEN and his wife had formerly worked as cook and waitress at a Diner, adding that JACK FORD's wife "MARGE" divorced him and returned to Kansas City. She stated that SEVEN might contact JACK FORD as the latter was not an upright person. Mrs. LYMAN said she had heard about SEVEN from DIXIE GARNETT when the latter obtained her divorce in 1941, but that DIXIE did not talk about him last year (1948) when Mrs. LYMAN visited her for a short while, as DIXIE was interested in another man.

Agent was informed by Mrs. LYMAN that she did not believe SEVEN would attempt to contact her, but that in the event any information whatsoever as to his whereabouts comes to her attention, she will immediately communicate with the San Francisco Office.

Any leads based on the information from Mrs. LYMAN are being left to the office of origin inasmuch as they may have already been covered.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-367**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>                         | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-10-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-1,2,4,9,10,<br/>11,20,22,29-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>CHARLES J. MAULE</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

PAUL REESE, former associate of BEVER no longer residing in Denver. Associates of REESE and possible contacts of BEVER at Denver interviewed with negative results as to BEVER's whereabouts. Colorado and Wyoming law enforcement agencies and local Denver connections advised to be on lookout for BEVER. Informant advised Miss PAUL DARGEL, former secretary of REESE attempted to dispose of photographs of O'DELL and wife after interview with Agent.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletypes from Kansas City to Denver dated 3-1-43.  
Teletype from Kansas City to Denver dated 3-9-43.  
Report of Special Agent (A) NELMIS EMANUEL MANSON, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-10-43.  
Letter to Denver from Kansas City dated 3-26-43.

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO**

Reference teletype dated March 1, 1943, from the Kansas City Field Division advised in substance that the subjects in this case were reported by an informant to have visited PAUL REESE, employed at the Recordak Corporation, and residing at 1470 Josephine Street, during the summer of 1942; also that REESE is a brother-in-law of HARRY "BUDDY" O'DELL, presently incarcerated in the New York State penitentiary.

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Inquiry made at the Recordak Corporation disclosed that REESE had enlisted in the United States armed forces and the Kansas City Office was so advised by teletype.

The facts relative to the near apprehension of all the subjects at Kansas City on the night of February 26th last were made known to the Denver Office by reference teletype from Kansas City dated March 1, 1943. Upon receipt of the information in said reference teletypes, Captain MADLEY, of the Kansas State Police and Officer J. G. FIELDS, of the Denver Police Department, were advised of the facts and they stated they would cooperate with this office to the effect that the information would be broadcast and their agencies would be on the alert for the fugitives. Subsequently, these agencies were advised of the apprehension of MADLEY and RICHETTS, and also that the Pontiac car had been recovered at Kansas City. These agencies, however, were advised to continue to be on the lookout for subject BEVEL.

Upon receipt of the teletype dated March 7, 1943, from Kansas City, advising that information had been received indicating that BEVEL might be hitch-hiking en route to Denver from Leavenworth, Kansas, the Colorado Courtesy Patrol was so advised and they assured this office that they would be on the lookout for BEVEL at the Eastern Colorado Ports of Entry. This information was also put out over the air by the Denver Police Department.

Upon inquiry made at the Recordak Corporation, Mr. JOSE STRUNK of the Service Department of the Recordak Corporation, advised that last summer HARRY O'DELL visited REESE in Denver and that he and REESE had made a trip into New Mexico which ended by REESE's taking O'DELL to Kansas City. STRUNK advised also that REESE had in his possession a pearl-handled nickel-plated Colt automatic. He stated that REESE, although married, was generally known to run around with other women, and he advised that in all probability other male friends of REESE would know the identity of certain of his girl friends. He mentioned that Miss MARTHA ANN JOHNSON, Miss Grant, was a person whom he had known intimately and that he had employed her about a year ago which was about the time when O'DELL was in Denver. STRUNK further advised that he believed REESE was well acquainted with his office secretary, Miss PAULA DANIEL.

The photographs of subject BEVEL were exhibited to STRUNK and he assured the Agent that in the event there were any suspicious phone calls or inquiries made at the Recordak Company for REESE he would immediately get in touch with the Denver Field Office.

Subsequently, STRUNK appeared at the Field Office and advised that on the day the writer had called at the Recordak Corporation and

had interviewed the several persons there relative to REESE's whereabouts, after the Agent had left he, STRUNK, observed Miss PAULA DARGEL attempting to destroy some negative film. STRUNK advised that he later got these negatives from the waste basket and had them developed. He brought both the negatives and the developed pictures to the Denver Office and advised that they were pictures of Harold "BUDDY" O'DELL and his wife CARMEN REESE O'DELL, the latter being the sister of PAUL REESE. Those pictures together with the negatives are being made an enclosure for the office of origin for whatever purpose they deem appropriate.

Mr. RICHARD BRON, of the Recordak Corporation, advised that O'DELL had visited REESE and his wife during the summer of 1935 but that he had never heard of RADKAY, RICKETTS, or BEVER, and further he was unable to identify their photographs. BRON stated that if any information came to his attention relative to the whereabouts of subject BEVER, he would immediately get in touch with the Denver Field Office.

Several others at the office, including the present manager, L. R. WALTON, were interviewed at the Recordak Corporation and they advised that they knew PAUL REESE well and all were aware that O'DELL had visited him last summer. None of those interviewed, however, was able to identify the subjects of instant case. They further advised that they would be alert to any suspicious telephone calls or inquiries whatsoever for REESE.

Mrs. JOHN LITTEL, 1470 Josephine Street, advised that she had moved into the apartment previously occupied by REESE and his wife. She stated, however, that to date there had been but few inquiries at her address relative to REESE. The photograph of subject BEVER was exhibited to Mrs. LITTEL and she was advised to be alert for any telephone calls or inquiries made for REESE. She assured the Agent that she would cooperate with this office.

Miss MARTHA ANN WOODHURST, 1140 Grant Street, in interview advised that she had originally met PAUL REESE at the bar in the Albany Hotel, Denver, and shortly thereafter he had given her a position in his office. She mentioned also that on one occasion she had met CARMEN REESE O'DELL, but that she did not know O'DELL nor had she ever heard of any of the other subjects in this case. Miss WOODHURST did not hesitate to mention that she had gone out with REESE. This person was advised of the possibility that she might be contacted by subject BEVER as a result of information given to BEVER by REESE. She indicated that she was anxious to cooperate with this office and that in the event any suspicious telephone calls or inquiries were made at her residence she would attempt to secure the identity and other pertinent information relative to the caller and advise the Denver Office immediately if it

appeared pertinent. Photographs of subject BEVER were exhibited to Miss WOODHURST and she advised that she had never seen him. Miss WOODHURST suggested that it might be well to contact Miss DORIS CLARK and also AL WORTH, close friends of REESE.

Miss DORIS CLARK, 1137 Sherman Street, advised that about a year ago she and REESE and another couple had gone on a little week-end trip in the mountains and at that time REESE had on his person a nickel-plated .38 Colt automatic. She advised that REESE appeared flashy with the gun and that it had accidentally gone off, shooting a hole in the ceiling of the cabin. She stated that she had met CARMEN REESE O'DELL and "BUDDY" O'DELL last summer and had gone on a picnic with these individuals, together with REESE, his wife, and others. Miss CLARK, however, failed to identify any of the subjects in this case when photographs were exhibited. She advised that if any suspicious calls or inquiries were made at her apartment she would attempt to determine the identity of the caller and advise the Denver Office if the information so received appeared pertinent.

Mr. AL WORTH, proprietor of Al's Inn, 19th and Washington Street, advised he had known PAUL REESE for several years and that REESE in the company of various friends frequently called at his bar prior to the time REESE entered the Army. WORTH upon viewing the picture of BEVER stated that he thought he could recall having seen this person in his establishment with REESE. Mr. WORTH stated that he had always been a little suspicious of REESE although there was no specific basis for his feelings. He advised that REESE while drinking exhibited a very bad temper. Mr. WORTH advised that he would keep alert with a view of being able to identify BEVER should he make his appearance at his bar.

Miss PAULA DARGEL, presently employed at the Recordian Corporation, advised that she had been REESE's secretary for about the past three years and that she had come to know him quite well personally, and that she knew many of REESE's associates. She advised that last summer she, REESE and his wife, "BUDDY" O'DELL and his wife, CARMEN, had gone on a picnic together and had been out together on several other occasions. Miss DARGEL advised that she had taken some pictures of the group while they were on said picnic and upon further questioning as to what she had done with the pictures she stated that she could not recall but she believed she had thrown them away.

It is to be noted that OSBY STRICK, who is working in the same office as Miss DARGEL, had requested that this office keep confidential the information he supplied relative to obtaining said negatives and photographs. Miss DARGEL, therefore, was not questioned at length relative to her disposing of said negatives.

Photographs of the subjects in this case were exhibited to Miss DARGEL with negative results. She advised, however, that she would keep alert as to any suspicious inquiries directed to her relative to any information as to REESE's whereabouts and that she would advise this office in that regard. Miss DARGEL in conclusion stated that recently PAUL REESE's wife, THELMA REESE, had written her from the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. P. McDEMOTT, 4501 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., stating that PAUL had been transferred from Camp Crocker to Fort Myer, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D. C.

The photograph of subject BEVER has been exhibited to the United States Employment Office, numerous hotels and other logical or possible connections that subject BEVER might make should he put in his appearance at Denver, Colorado.

The provisions of the Harboring Statute were explained to those interviewed in this report.

Under date of March 29, 1943, a letter was received from the Kansas City Office advising that Mr. CHESTER LOUGHBOOM, of the Detective Bureau, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, advised the Kansas City Office that ROBERT ROBERTS, Denver Police Department No. 23266, age 31, white, height 5' 8 3/4", weight 140 pounds, eyes blue, hair medium chestnut, complexion sallow, was at present confined in jail in Denver. Mr. LOUGHBOOM stated that as he understood it, this individual formerly operated with WILLIAM RUSKAY and that they pulled some stick-ups in Denver during 1940. Mr. LOUGHBOOM thought that ROBERTS might also know some and knew of any possible contacts that he might have in Denver; further, that ROBERTS was known to Detectives A. D. EASTIS and L. V. CURRIE of the Denver Police Department. It was suggested ROBERTS and the above-mentioned detectives be interviewed for any information they might have relative to the present whereabouts of subject.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU: Negatives and prints of HARRY "BUDDY" O'DELL, ~~CHARLES O'DELL~~, THELMA REESE, and PAUL DARGEL

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will interview Sergeant PAUL E. REESE and his wife, THELMA REESE, who may be located through Mrs. F. P. McDERMOTT, 4801 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., for any information they have relative to the whereabouts of subject BEVER and also endeavor to develop through REESE leads which might point to the subsequent apprehension of BEVER.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will interview ROBERT ROBERTS, Denver Police Department No. 25200, reported to be presently in jail in Denver, also reported to have been an associate of subject RADNEY, for any information he might have relative to subject BEVER, and his present location.

Will interview Detectives A. D. EASTIS and E. J. O'BRIEN, of the Denver Police Department, who know of ROBERT ROBERTS, for any information they might have which would be of assistance in locating subject BEVER.



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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., Fug., et al.</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Birmingham indices negative with reference to **HARRY RALPH BEVER**.

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**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent John A. Reiter dated 2-22-43 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cincinnati Teletype to all SAC's dated 2-17-43.

Bureau Teletype to all SAC's dated 3-3-43.

**Details:**

This office was advised by referenced teletypes that **WILLIAM RADKAY**, **SAMUEL RICKETTS**, and **CLARENCE** and **ARTHUR PARSONS**, all fugitives, had been apprehended.

A check of the indices of the Birmingham Field Division failed to reflect any information concerning **HARRY RALPH BEVER**. Therefore, this office is not in possession of any information useful in setting out leads for the apprehension of subject **HARRY BEVER** and no further action is contemplated in this case.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; et al</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Contact maintained with ANNE YELLAR, girl friend of BEVER. Suspicious telephone calls received by her. Police Department kept advised of progress. No information of value developed.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 23, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:**

ANNE YELLAR, 1936 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed by Special Agent OTIS E. KELLY and the writer on receipt of a teletype from the St. Paul Field Division advising that she is the girl friend of Subject BEVER who was arrested with him in St. Paul prior to his removal to the Cincinnati Field Division on the Bank Robbery charge. Miss YELLAR was advised of the escape of the Subject and her cooperation was requested. She was impressed with the seriousness of the offense and the possible danger to herself and her family. She was interviewed regarding her knowledge of and association with BEVER, RICKETTS, and RATHAY, but she was unable to furnish any information about them not already appearing in the report of Special Agent Employee HERMAN L. WESTBAY dated December 14, 1942, at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the case involving these subjects. She was furnished with the office telephone number and with the writer's home telephone and she assured Agent that, should any information be received by her regarding the whereabouts of any of the escapees, she would immediately contact this office or the writer.

The local police were advised of the jail break and Detectives ERNIE JOHNSON and PORTWOOD of the Hold Up Squad were assigned

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On March 10, 1943, ANNE KELLAR telephonically advised that on that date, while she had been asleep, her sister-in-law, MAXINE KELLAR, answered the phone at approximately 10:45 a.m. A man's voice asked MAXINE KELLAR, "Does ANNE KELLAR live here?" She said, "yes", but that she had gone out and asked who was calling, but the unidentified voice did not answer and the phone was hung up. Again at 11:15 and 11:30 the telephone rang and it was answered by MAXINE KELLAR, but no voice responded from the other end of the line. Mrs. KELLAR stated that she was afraid that it might possibly be HARRY calling her. She said that she had described HARRY'S voice to MAXINE and the unidentified voice which had called was not recognized by MAXINE as that of BEVER. She said that BEVER has a definite Southern accent while the voice which called at 10:45 that morning did not have such an accent and it was deeper and seemed huskier than BEVER'S voice.

An attempt was made to have Agents conduct a surveillance of the KELLAR residence from inside the house, but Mrs. KELLAR requested that this not be done in view of the fact that there are children in the house and because there are estranged relations between MAXINE KELLAR and her husband and it was felt that the presence of any outside persons might tend to increase the tension. It was agreed that ANNE KELLAR would answer all phone calls from then on and that if BEVER should call her she would make arrangements to meet him and then immediately contact this office. Two days later ANNE KELLAR called and advised the anonymous telephone calls had been identified and were found not to be BEVER. She later explained that the caller was a boy friend with whom MAXINE KELLAR had been running around unknown to her husband. All contact between MAXINE KELLAR and this individual has been made through ANNE KELLAR by letter. The boy friend is from Minneapolis and up until these calls no telephone contact had been undertaken by him, but he had written to her, addressing his letters to ANNE KELLAR. He was not sure when he called of MAXINE'S voice and therefore asked to speak with ANNE so that he might ascertain from her whether MAXINE was at home.

Mrs. KELLAR was interviewed vigorously and at length regarding this story and she repeated the same version each time and asserted that it was the truth. She said that she was mortally afraid of

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BEVER now that she has learned his background and stated that there is absolutely no affection on her part for him. She is living with her husband and advised that she was going to have a baby and that she certainly wanted no interference from BEVER.

Detectives JOHNSON and FORTWOOD have advised that they have developed no information by independent investigation which might be of value in locating Subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

At Detroit, Michigan: Will maintain contact with  
and with Detectives PORTMAN and JOHNSON of the Detroit  
Police Department.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER with aliases, Fugitive, et al</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Boston File entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS with aliases, Fugitive, et al; Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942 - BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT" reviewed with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 2/13/43.  
Report of SA JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 2/22/43.

**DETAILS:** The Boston File entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS with aliases, Fugitive, et al; Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942 - BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT" was reviewed with negative results insofar as leads in the Boston Field Division are concerned.

During the investigation of the case mentioned, only one lead was set out for the Boston Field Division; namely, to contact the District Attorney at Boston, Mass.

No logical leads for coverage by the Boston Field Division appeared from a rereading of this report.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, I.O. #1869;<br/>ET AL - FUGITIVE</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED, FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Man fitting description of Subject reported staying at Pacific Hotel, Boise, Idaho, but investigation proved him not identical with Subject.

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**Details:**

**AT BOISE, IDAHO**

This investigation was made as a result of a complaint from Mr. LAWRENCE L. BARRY, Room 35, Pacific Hotel, Boise, Idaho, to the effect that a man staying at the Pacific Hotel bore a very marked resemblance to HARRY RALPH BEVER, I.O. #1869. Mr. BARRY stated that Mrs. L. DONAHUE, who is manager of the Pacific Hotel, had shown him a picture of the Subject and asked him who he thought the picture looked like. BARRY said that he at once thought of the man registered at the hotel going by the name of T. BAKER. Mrs. DONAHUE told BARRY that she, too, thought that BAKER might be HARRY RALPH BEVER who is being sought by the FBI.

BARRY further stated that he had read the description of BEVER on the wanted notice sent out by the FBI and that as far as he could tell BAKER fit this description very closely. He stated that the Subject had been staying at the Pacific Hotel for about three days and that he claimed to be waiting for a friend with whom he was going to Stibnite, Idaho, to accept a job as a truck driver.

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Mrs. L. DONAHUE, room #17, Pacific Hotel, was contacted by the reporting Agent and she gave the same information that had been obtained from Mr. BARRY. She further stated that she had looked through BAKER'S suitcase and he had only one dirty shirt, a dirty pair of pants and a few dirty socks. She stated that for the first two days the Subject stayed at the Pacific Hotel he had not talked to anyone, but that on the third day he had advised her he had come to Boise from Portland, Oregon, and that he had previously lived at Olympia and Seattle, Washington. She stated that there was a tag on BAKER'S suitcase from Oakland, California, addressed to T. BAKER, Sacramento, California.

Mrs. DONAHUE stated that she had noticed from the description of BEVER that he had a small 1/2" scar on the right upper lip. She stated that BAKER also had a small scar or crease on his upper lip. She stated that BAKER also had reddish, wavy hair which would also fit the description of BEVER.

While the reporting Agent was talking with Mrs. DONAHUE, T. BAKER returned to the hotel. He was observed by the writer in the hotel lobby, which is a small inside room on the second floor. The light was very bad, but the writer did notice that BAKER bore some resemblance to Subject BEVER.

A short time later the reporting Agent, accompanied by Special Agent WILLIAM B. DILLON, Chief of Police GEORGE HASKINS and Night Captain HARRY SHERMAN, returned to the Pacific Hotel where BAKER was found to be sitting in the hotel lobby. BAKER was questioned by Special Agent WILLIAM B. DILLON and it was learned that his name was TED BAKER and that his home was in Portland, Oregon. He gave his height as 5' 8" and his weight as 170 pounds. A check revealed that BAKER did not have any scars or tattoo marks attributed to the Subject. BAKER'S fingerprints were compared with those on the wanted notice for HARRY RALPH BEVER, but the patterns were not the same.

As it appeared that TED BAKER was not identical with the Subject, he was not arrested.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>SAMUEL MICHELLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE; CLARENCE<br/>ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ARTHUR<br/>RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

File reviewed with negative results. Police Department and Highway Patrol Memphis notified to be on lookout for subjects.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated 2-23-43 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Teletype from Cincinnati to Louisville, Indianapolis, Springfield, Kansas City, St. Louis, Little Rock, Oklahoma City, and Memphis, dated 2-18-43.

**DETAILS:** In accordance with the undeveloped lead in reference report set out for all offices receiving copies of reference report, this Office reviewed its files with a view toward developing any information which could be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subject, with negative results.

The reference teletype requested that all offices receiving copy thereof should immediately notify Highway Police and all law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for subjects, and in accordance therewith the Memphis Police Department and Highway Patrol were notified at 1:15 AM February 18, 1943.

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United States Department of Justice

707 U. S. COURT HOUSE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

ATTENTION:  
Identification Division

DIRECTOR - FBI

April 6, 1943

Dear Sir:

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1869, ET AL  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT PREVIOUS RECORD OF 1931-1932

In connection with this investigation, the file indicates that GERALD LOWELL WALTERS, Kansas City, Missouri Police No. 8992, as of 4-22-41, was at one time the owner of a .32 caliber Colt automatic pistol #484515, which was found among the effects of Subjects at the time they were arrested at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Endeavor has been made at Kansas City to locate WALTERS for the purpose of interview with the thought in mind he may have information concerning Fugitive BEVER that would be of interest to this investigation. I have received information that WALTERS is reported to be employed in some shipyard in the San Francisco District, the name or exact location of this shipyard not being known to this office.

As it is possible WALTERS' prints have been forwarded in to the Bureau, it is requested his fingerprint file be reviewed to ascertain his latest arrest or whether his fingerprints have been forwarded in by any agency indicating his present place of employment.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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| <b>TITLE</b><br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE,<br/>I. O. #1869, et al.</b> |  |   | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>            |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Thirty-day covers placed on homes of ALMA PETERSON and ESTHER ANDERSON at Minneapolis, friends of Subjects RICKETTS and RADKAY, made with negative results. Both advise they have not heard from Subject BEVER but will notify St. Paul office in the event they do hear anything. Four housewives, Lanesboro, Minnesota, stated to Police Department that city that they have identified an individual as Subject BEVER, which individual had been mooching handouts at their homes on March 5, 1943. Police Department conducted investigation with negative results. Letter secured by Minneapolis Police Department from one MILES CASTLELL, Hawthorne, California, who states he is well acquainted with Subject BEVER.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent DANIEL F. McTILLIAN, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 6, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

Recently, mail covers have been maintained on the residence address of ALMA PETERSON, at 2319 First Avenue South, girl friend of Subject RICKETTS, and on the address of ESTHER ANDERSON, c/o Kenwood Hotel, Apartment 307, Minneapolis, girl friend of Subject RADKAY, with negative results. Both girls have been interviewed on several occasions by the writer as to any knowledge they may have received concerning Subject BEVER, with negative results. Both girls inform, however, that should they receive any information concerning BEVER's whereabouts, they will immediately notify the St. Paul Office.

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By letter dated March 16, 1943, GLEN C. SAWYER, Attorney-at-Law, Lanesboro, Minnesota, County Attorney of Freeport County, informed that several residents, housewives, of Lanesboro, after seeing the recent bulletins with photographs of the five men wanted, insist that the third man down on the left of the February 15, 1943 bulletin, RALPH BEVER, was in Lanesboro on March 5, 1943, calling on the housewives and asking for something to eat. They placed the date because that was the day they had a cub meeting of the local Boy Scout unit. They say that this man had apparently blackened up his face with a poor job of coloring, to make himself look like a negro, trying to use a Southern dialect. They say he was very poorly dressed; that when they turned him down for food, he almost ran in leaving. When about four or more women from whom he had asked for food insisted that this was the man pictured in the bulletin, Mr. SAWYER believed that there must be something to it.

It is to be noted that this information was furnished on March 16, 1943, approximately 11 days after the supposed identification by the housewives at Lanesboro.

The Police Department at Lanesboro conducted an investigation to locate the individual suspected of being identical with BEVER, with negative results. It is believed that it would be useless at this time to conduct any further investigation in that vicinity.

On March 31, 1943, the writer was in the office of Captain McLASNEY, Detective of the Minneapolis Police Department. He handed the writer a letter which he had received from one MILES CAMPBELL, 529 East 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, dated March 22, 1943, which states that he was recently reading an article in the "Official Detective Stories," regarding the capture of the Subjects in this case at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that he recognized a photograph of LARRY DUGAN, the principal character in the story, as a good friend of his wife and himself; that he knew this individual as RALPH "RED" BEVER. He informed that they first met "RED" BEVER and his wife, DIXIE, about three years ago when he and his wife came to work in a cafe in Ontario, California where CAMPBELL and his wife were working; that they soon became good friends. He informed that he, CAMPBELL, quit this cafe a short time later and went to work at North American Aviation in Inglewood, California, where he is now employed. He informed that a few months after he quit at Ontario, California, BEVER and his wife, DIXIE, separated. He informed that he tried to persuade BEVER to go to work at the North American Aviation. He stated that BEVER was very blue about his wife, DIXIE, leaving, and decided to follow her back to Kansas City. At that time he promised CAMPBELL that he would come back out and that CAMPBELL was to assist him in getting a job at the North American. He informed that this was over a year ago and that he had not heard from BEVER since.



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He informed that he did not approve of BEVER's actions, but that he knew there is a lot of good in him; that he would like to let him know that some day when he gets out of jail that he could feel free to come and see him and that if he could help him get a job or help him get a new start, in any way, that he would do so.

The Los Angeles Field Division is being requested to interview MILES CAMPBELL at 529 East 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, and secure from him all the information in his possession about Subject BEVER.

On a recent date, Captain McLASKEY of the Minneapolis Police Department informed Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN that he would like to have the 300 Savage rifle, Serial number 401896, which was recovered from the Subjects in this case. He stated that this is the only gun that they would like to have and that, as far as the Department is concerned, the Bureau can retain the other guns taken from the Subjects in this case.

A letter was directed to the Cincinnati Office, March 25, requesting that when instant gun has served its purpose that consideration be taken to the fact that Captain McLASKEY would like to have instant 300 Savage rifle for his Department.

By a letter dated March 30, 1943, the Cincinnati Office informed that, inasmuch as Subject HARRY BEVER is presently at large, and that, inasmuch as instant rifle may be of evidentiary value at a later date, it would be impossible to comply with the request made by Captain McLASKEY at this time. However, it was informed that all the guns recovered from the Subjects in this case by Captain McLASKEY would be forwarded to the Bureau for disposal upon the expiration of the trial of Subject BEVER for bank robbery, at which time the request made by Captain McLASKEY will be forwarded to the Bureau for its consideration.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The Los Angeles Field Division

At Hawthorne, California:

At 529 East 126th Street, will interview one MILES CAMPBELL and secure all information in his possession regarding Subject BEVER, inasmuch as he may be in possession of valuable information concerning BEVER's past activities and friends.

The Cincinnati Field Division

At Cincinnati, Ohio:

Subsequent to the apprehension of Subject BEVER and subsequent to the forwarding of instant guns to the Bureau for disposition, will request the Bureau to forward the 300 Savage rifle, serial number 431396, to the Minneapolis Police Department, as per request made by Captain McLASKEY.

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| HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias, I.O. #1869,<br>et al. - FUGITIVE | ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

Synopsis of Facts: Subjects RICKETTS and RATHAY apprehended by Bureau Agents at Kansas City, Missouri, March 1 and 2, 1943. U. S. Attorney, Cincinnati, ordered removal on Federal Escape Act, \$25000 bond each returnable forthwith. Subjects returned to Cincinnati by U. S. Marshal on March 6, 1943; presently incarcerated in Cincinnati Work House pending trial for bank robbery. Numerous logical leads investigated with negative results as to whereabouts of Subject BEVER. Grocery store holdup in Felicity, Ohio found to have been committed by persons other than Subjects in this case. Car belonging to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, stolen at Cincinnati by Subjects, recovered at Louisville, Kentucky March 5, 1943; owner notified. Medical kit taken from Dr. WILSON same time recovered by Kansas City Office; has been returned to the owner.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 22, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent EDWARD M. NETTUN dated February 25, 1943 at St. Louis, Missouri.

Bureau letters dated February 22, 25, 26, 1943 (Bureau File No. 76-964)

Teletype dated February 26, 1943 from Kansas City Field Division.

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## DETAILS:

By teletype dated at Kansas City, March 2, 1943, the Kansas City office advised that Subject WILLIAM RATHKAY was apprehended by Bureau Agents on March 1, and Subject SAMUEL RICKETTS was also apprehended by Bureau Agents and representatives of the Kansas City Police Department on early morning March 2; that Fugitive BEVER is still at large, believed to be in Kansas City or immediate vicinity.

Assistant U. S. Attorney, VERN E. WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio, on being apprised of the fact that Subjects RICKETTS and RATHKAY were apprehended, requested that they be removed to the Southern District of Ohio under the Federal Escape Act, and subsequently forwarded certified papers to the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, requesting bond of \$25000 on each Subject, returnable forthwith.

Subjects RICKETTS and RATHKAY were returned to the Southern District of Ohio on March 6, 1943 by the U. S. Marshal; were incarcerated in the Cincinnati Work House pending trial for bank robbery.

During the investigation of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, bank robbery charge for which the Subjects were being held at the time of their escape, Miss CONNIE DEUVOROS, former girl friend of Subject RATHKAY while he was in Cincinnati, Ohio prior to the instant bank robbery, furnished the Cincinnati Office with correspondence which she had with RATHKAY in November 1942. One of the letters written to Miss DEUVOROS by Subject RATHKAY carried return address of S. I. REUBIN (known alias of Subject RATHKAY) 1512 South Bethany, Kansas City, Kansas, care of Mrs. IDA MATTHEWS. There is a possibility that Subject RATHKAY made contact with Mrs. MATTHEWS. This information was furnished the Kansas City Office by teletype on February 22, 1943.

Teletype dated February 24, 1943 from the Bureau advised that one latent fingerprint appearing on lift marked, "Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. M 95907, Ohio License No. 17-SH" was identified as being identical with the right middle finger impression of known print of Subject HARRY MILNE BEVER, indicating that Subject BEVER took part in the larceny of the second automobile after making their escape from the Hamilton County Jail February 13, 1943.

On February 24, 1943 the Milwaukee Field office by teletype requested numbers of gasoline ration books which were stolen from Dr. CLOTCEWILLER. These numbers were furnished the Milwaukee Office by teletype same date so that appropriate stops at gasoline rationing

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Boards in the Milwaukee Field Office area might be placed.

On February 25, 1943 at about 7:30 P. M. Sheriff THOMAS BROOKS of Batavia, Ohio telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office, advising that he had just received a call from a Mr. EVANS, Proprietor of Evans Grocery Store in Felicity, Ohio, stating that his store had been held up and robbed by two armed men at about 6:30 P. M. that date. The Sheriff stated that the armed men took a quantity of canned goods and money from the cash register.

The Cincinnati Field Office telephonically contacted Mr. EVANS, Felicity, Ohio, at which time he advised that three men drove up in front of his grocery store while his sister was the only clerk on duty, and after getting out of the car two of them had entered the store and had approached his sister to purchase canned goods. After realizing that the sister was the only clerk on duty, the men flourished guns and robbed her of the canned goods and the money in the cash register, during the process of which one of the men struck Mr. EVANS' sister in the forehead with a black jack. Mr. EVANS stated that the only information that his sister could give was that the men were riding in a blue sedan with black and white license.

Mr. EVANS stated further that a Mr. E. J. WELLS, Ex-Mayor of Felicity, Ohio, had appeared on the scene a short time later and had proceeded to the Post Office in Felicity and got the Bureau flyer which was issued on the escape of the original five subjects, which he showed to Mr. EVANS' sister. Mr. EVANS stated that his sister had positively identified two men on this poster as having robbed her.

On receipt of this information the writer accompanied by Special Agent ROBERT J. WELLS, proceeded to Felicity, Ohio where Miss LENORA EVELINE EVANS, clerk on duty at the Evans Brothers Store, stated at about 5:40 P. M. the evening of February 25 she looked outside and saw a light blue sedan with black license plates and white letters. She stated that when she saw two men get out of this automobile, which was parked directly in front of the store, she immediately got suspicious. She stated that she went to the cash drawer and took from it all paper currency which she threw under the counter. She stated that in this manner she saved most of the currency that was in the cash drawer. It was noted from the description that she gave of the two men that it fit somewhat in detail the descriptions of Subjects BEVER and RICHARDS in this case.

When asked to explain the method of operation in the

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robbery she explained that the #1 man asked for a jar of peanut butter, requesting at the same time the best brand carried by the store, at which point the #2 man came up with a blue steel revolver, which she stated was about 8" in length. At this point the #1 man said, "Go sit down," to which #2 replied, "She ain't going fast enough, boy." #2 brought her around in back of the counter on the opposite side of the store and struck her across the forehead with a black jack. She stated that she was knocked unconscious and believed that she was unconscious for approximately ten or fifteen minutes.

She stated that while #2 man was walking her around the counter on the opposite side she saw #1 man get some canned goods, which he put in a brown shopping bag, and also took silver and currency from the cash drawer.

Miss EVANS stated that some time after this one of the customers came into the store and found her unconscious. It should be noted that no customers were in the store during this robbery.

Miss EVANS was then closely questioned as to her identification of photographs that she had made from a poster which had been brought to her by Mr. E. J. WILKS. She stated that she identified the photograph of the man farthest to the top on the right hand side of the poster as being one of the Subjects who robbed her. It will be noted that this is a photograph of Subject RICHMONTS.

Miss EVANS was then exhibited ten photographs of various other police characters, in which had been placed the photographs of Subjects RICHMONTS, PARKER, and BEVER. Miss EVANS, after some deliberation, picked up the photograph of Subject BEVER and stated she believed he was one of the men. She did not recognize the photograph of Subject RICHMONTS as she had done on the Bureau flyer.

By close questioning of Miss EVANS it was ascertained that her identification of RICHMONTS on the poster might have been prompted to some extent by Mr. E. J. WILKS, who stated to her that no doubt three of the men on this poster were probably responsible for the robbery.

In that information was developed by the Kansas City Office indicating that Subjects RICHMONTS, BEVER and PARKER were in Kansas City at approximately the time of this robbery in Felicity, Ohio, it is certain that Subjects did not take part in the robbery in Felicity, Ohio.

Information was also received by the Cincinnati Office on the evening of February 24, which was the evening preceding the robbery in Felicity, Ohio, to the effect that three men had driven into the SOHIO Service Station on Ohio Route No. 4, Springdale, Ohio about 11:30 P. M., which Service Station was found to be owned and operated by Mr. HENRY KUHR. They were driving a four-door Sedan which was described as a Chrysler product and at the time they drove into the KUHR station there was a flat tire on the right rear wheel, which the men stated had been caused by their car striking a guard rail along Route No. 4 as they entered Springdale, Ohio from the north.

While requesting HENRY KUHR to change the tire the three men changed the license tags from Indiana license to those of Mercer County, Kentucky license. They purchased from KUHR twelve gallons of gasoline and gave him three ration stamps from a "C" ration book on back of which they wrote the Ohio license 708 LV.

HENRY KUHR was subsequently interviewed by Special Agents EARL H. FISHER, FRED P. DODD, and ROBERT C. WEISSELSBERG, at which time KUHR stated that the entire right side of the car when it was driven into his station was bashed in, both right fenders and both doors being damaged. KUHR also stated that while in the station the occupants of the car asked whether there were any automobiles in that vicinity inasmuch as they were interested in buying secondhand cars.

KUHR stated that during the process of changing license plates none of the men appeared to be nervous or excited in any way, and that they proceeded about their business in a calm and collected manner.

KUHR stated that there were five other individuals, all of whom resided in Springdale, Ohio, who had occasion to observe these men, and KUHR gave their names as follows:

CHARLIE KING  
CLYDE BURNETT  
JOHN RUEL  
ALBERT HAYES

All of these men had been in the vicinity of the Service Station at the time the car drove in. KUHR also furnished the name of BEN SINGER, who had heard the car crash into the guard rail just north of the Service Station.

KUER stated that upon leaving his Service Station the car was seen heading toward Cincinnati. KUER advised the Agents that he could recall to a small extent the way the individuals appeared to him. He described them as being short, possibly not more than 5'6", apparently well-dressed in brown suit with a white shirt and tie. The other two individuals were described as being not so well-dressed, without neckties, one of whom was stocky and short, dressed in gray trousers; the other, slightly taller, possibly 5'8", and fairly thin.

Photograph of Subject RICHETS, BEVER, and RATHY were exhibited to KUER by the Agents, at which time KUER stated that he had only 10% vision and was unable to identify any of the photographs exhibited to him.

The morning of February 25, 1943 the writer contacted CHARLIE KING, CLYDE BURNETT, and JOHN RUEL at the HENRY KUER service station, Springdale, Ohio, at which time photographs were exhibited to him of Subjects RICHETS, RATHY and BEVER. None of the men were able to effect an identification.

In view of the fact that the description given by MISS LINDA EVANS of the three men who took part in the Evans Store robbery in Felicity, Ohio on the evening of February 25, compared in many respects to those given by HENRY KUER and others at Springdale, Ohio, plus the fact that a local resident in Felicity, Ohio, Mrs. LYDA MITTS, had seen a car parked on Main Street near the Evans store which was damaged on one side, it appeared that the robbery at Felicity, Ohio was perpetrated by the same men who appeared at Springdale, Ohio on the previous night. Therefore, the information which had been obtained by the Cincinnati Office was immediately transmitted to Mr. THOMAS BROOKS, Sheriff of Clermont County, Batavia, Ohio, on February 27, 1943.

Deputies under Sheriff BROOKS are presently conducting intensive investigations which may lead to the perpetrators of the robbery at Felicity, Ohio.

On February 26, 1943 Sergeant HEBBES, Cincinnati Police Department, Detective Division, called at the Cincinnati Office, at which time he furnished the following information that he had obtained from Officer WERN of the Indiana State Highway Patrol Station at Seymour, Indiana, to the effect that a young boy by the name of BILLIE SMITH was called from his classes in Grade School at Scottsburg, Indiana at



at 1:00 P. M., Wednesday, February 17, 1943 in order to take a telephone call. According to Officer WYNN, BILIE SIMON spoke to some woman on the telephone who questioned him at length as to where his parents were presently living and working. BILIE SIMON was confused by the telephone call and did not learn who the woman was who called him, but was under the impression that it was a Long Distance call.

According to Officer WYNN, Sergeant EBBERS learned that Subject BEVER has relatives residing in the vicinity of Scottsburg, Indiana. The source of information through which Officer WYNN obtained this is not known. This information was immediately furnished to the Special Agent in Charge at Indianapolis by Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. A. OBENSHAIN telephonically on same date.

In teletype dated at Chicago, Illinois February 26, 1943, the Chicago Field Office advised that an ISAAC BERNARD, residing on South Street, Danville, Illinois, had informed Deputy Sheriff MERLIE at Danville, Illinois, to the effect that at 8:00 P. M. the night of February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, while in the Bluebird Inn, State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, he had seen Subject WILLIAM ISAAC RATHAY with four other men in the above tavern. Sheriff MERLIE advised the Chicago Office that BERNARD did not have an opportunity to talk to RATHAY but had stated that he knows the Subject personally. BERNARD claimed further that he did not know RATHAY had escaped, and was not aware of the fact until he saw photographs of RATHAY on Wanted Notices which were issued by the Bureau in the Sheriff's Office at Danville, Illinois. The Springfield Office was requested to contact ISAAC BERNARD immediately for complete information.

A teletype dated same date at Cincinnati, Ohio, advised the Chicago and Springfield, Illinois offices to the effect that Subject RATHAY was in Cincinnati at 9:30 P. M. the night of February 12 and was also known to have been in Cincinnati the evening of February 16. Further, that the only means of transportation by which RATHAY could possibly have been in Danville, Illinois would have been by airplane which left 6:30 P. M., which would only be ten minutes after the jail break. Further, that there is no direct connection by airplane to Danville, Illinois, and that the Subject would have to land at Indianapolis, Indiana and then proceed by other mode of travel.

In that the Subjects did not escape from Hamilton County Jail until the evening of February 13, Subject RATHAY could not have

been in Danville, Illinois on the evening of February 12.

In reference report of Kansas City dated February 26, 1943 advising that in the car abandoned by Subject when eluding Kansas City Police was found a fireman's coat bearing name of Captain H. MILLER, dated January 1926, No. 15538, which was manufactured at Cincinnati, Ohio by LEVY and FRIEDMAN. It should be noted that this coat was taken from 628 Crown Street where Subjects BEVER, RUTLEY and RICKETTS are known to have stayed for three days after their escape, and to which address they also took Dr. CLOYCE WILSON after they kidnapped him. It should be noted that 628 Crown Street is presently owned by Miss FLORA MILLER, sister to Captain MILLER, retired Cincinnati fireman who was murdered about three years ago in Indiana. The coat is the same as described by Dr. CLOYCE WILSON as being worn by Subject RUTLEY the night the doctor was kidnapped.

As to the doctor's medical kit recovered at the same time by the Kansas City Office, it should be noted that it has been received from the Kansas City Office and returned to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue.

As to undeveloped lead in reference report concerning the information furnished by Detective JOHN DAVIS, Cincinnati Police Department, that one LUCILLE BLANFORD, formerly residing at 410 Katherine Street, Cincinnati, reported as former wife of Subject RICKETTS, information was obtained from rural mail-carrier JIM WESTER, Batavia, Ohio, that LUCILLE BLANFORD was the wife of JACK GAGNON, the latter being deceased since July 1942; that Mrs. GAGNON was presently operating a tavern in Mount Holly, Ohio, which had been owned by her husband at the time of his death.

He stated that LUCILLE GAGNON was a cripple, as per information given by the informant to Detective JOHN DAVIS, and was no doubt the same person referred to by Detective DAVIS's informant.

Information was also obtained from Mr. WESTER that sister of LUCILLE GAGNON, formerly known as EDITH BLANFORD, was presently in Balluffonia, Ohio. Mr. WESTER stated that he knew Mrs. GAGNON very well, and was certain that if there was any truth in the fact that either her sister was the former wife of Subject RICKETTS it would have to be EDITH instead of LUCILLE.

On February 25, 1943 writer contacted Chief of Police J. W. KADY at Balluffonia, Ohio, at which time a check was made of all

city directories, rationing boards, as well as the records of the Post Office at Bellefontaine. No information was developed concerning EDITH BLANFORD CRAFT. Chief RADEN advised that inasmuch as over the last period of years known criminals were known to have hide-outs at Russell's Point, Ohio, he suggested that an inquiry be made of Mr. O. E. TAIT, Marshal, Russell's Point, Ohio, as to possibility of any strangers having been seen in the vicinity of Russell's Point.

Accordingly, Mr. TAIT was contacted at Russell's Point, Ohio, at which time he advised that he had been Marshal for several years and was also a Deputy Sheriff of that county. When advised of the possibility that the escapees from the Hamilton County Jail might be hiding out at Russell's Point, Mr. TAIT advised that he was familiar with every cabin and did not believe that Subjects were hiding there at that time. However, in further conversation with the Marshal it was determined that during July 1942 numerous underworld characters were known to have been at Russell's Point. Two of these are known to Marshal TAIT, and are also well known to the Cincinnati Office, one being CARL HUGO MARXBERRY, who is presently a fugitive on National Stolen Property case entitled, "LEAL MERRY LUTZ, v. ss. Et Al."; and GUS "SWEDEN" NORDBERG, who was also subject in this case.

Information was set out in early reports in the case entitled, "LIVINE LE BRANCH, STOLEN NATIONAL BANK ROBBERY" to the effect that Subject NORDBERG, who was then and still is incarcerated in Federal custody for Selective Service violation, was known to be a close associate of Subjects RITELY, RICKETS and BEVER while all of them were incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail. Considering the possibility that NORDBERG might have advised Subjects RITELY, BEVER and RICKETS of this hide-out possibility, Marshal TAIT was advised of these connections. The Marshal stated that he would make immediate arrangements with several gamblers he knew in the vicinity of Russell's Point, Ohio, so that any information concerning the three escapees would come to him if it was known that they were hiding out in the vicinity.

The Bureau by letter dated February 26, advised that from latent fingerprints developed at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, that the three Subjects in this case were known to have stayed, three latent fingerprints were noted to be of value for comparison purposes, which were identified as being identical with the right thumb impression of Subject JOHN PAUL BLAKE, FPI# 2413512.

In teletype dated at Louisville, Kentucky February 27, 1943, the Louisville Office advised that Subject RITELY appeared at the Jewish Hospital, 236 East Kentucky Street, Louisville, at approximately 1:30 P. M. February 22, 1943 regarding an injury to his right heel, and was

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at that time referred to Dr. ~~AUSTIN~~ BLOCH, who is attached to the Staff of that hospital. Further, that RATHLY then visited Dr. BLOCH at his office in the WEISS-GAUL APARTMENTS, 316 West Broadway, Louisville, and was there given an examination by Dr. BLOCH, who ascertained that RATHLY had a fractured right heel and a superficial flesh wound on the shin of same leg. RATHLY was instructed by Dr. BLOCH to call at the Jewish Hospital the morning of February 23 for an X-Ray of the heel.

At approximately 7:45 A. M. February 23, RATHLY appeared at Jewish Hospital and an X-Ray was taken of his heel by Dr. WILLIAM C. MARTIN. The X-Ray revealed a fractured heel, and RATHLY was then referred to Dr. BLOCH who advised RATHLY to have his heel put in a plaster cast, at which time RATHLY stated that he would have this done in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was going, and where he had a job with the Richmond Clothing Company. He gave a Cleveland address as 5607 Dibble Street. RATHLY was also given the negatives of the X-Ray pictures.

He gave the following personal history to the hospital: His name as FRANK ZOGLIN; residence, 1004 South First Street, Louisville, Kentucky; age, 32; born September 24, 1911 at St. Louis, Missouri; Father, GEORGE ZOGLIN, R. R. No. 31, Bedford, Kentucky; Mother, MARY ZOGLIN.

Dr. BLOCH and Mrs. FLORA MARSH, switchboard operator and receptionist, at the Jewish Hospital, positively identified photographs exhibited to them of Subject RATHLY.

The Louisville Office also advised that the address of 1004 South First Street, Louisville, was a rooming house which was put under immediate surveillance. In front of this rooming house was noted to be parked a 1941 Maroon Buick Sedan bearing Indiana license 907-210. Indianapolis was requested to check this number by telephone.

It should be noted that in reference teletype dated at Kansas City February 26, 1943, X-Ray photographs with notation "X-rays" referred to by Dr. (300) BLOCH, M.D. 2-23-43, fracture of right heel. Instant photographs, as well as other effects found in 1938 Pontiac Boat Camps, Motor No. A 93142, which was recovered by Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, have been received by the Cincinnati Office and are being retained as evidence.

Reference is made to Laboratory report dated February 26, 1943 as to Specimens Q1, one heel postmarked Louisville, Kentucky,

February 17, 1943, addressed to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio; Q2, Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Doctor is in a corner...."; Q3, Envelope postmarked Louisville, Kentucky; February 17, 1943, addressed to Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Q4, accompanying handwritten note beginning "Man tied up in....".

Laboratory reported that no definite conclusion could be reached as to whether any of the Subjects wrote the questioned evidence because the writing was not comparable. However, similarities were noted which indicated that the questioned writing was possibly written by Subject RALPH BOWER.

It should be noted that Subject RICKETTS in interview at the Cincinnati Workhouse after being returned from Kansas City admitted to Special Agent M. J. H. KINS and the writer that he had Subject RITELY write these letters on their arrival in Louisville, Ky.

On March 1, 1943 Special Agent MILLER of the Louisville Field Division telephonically advised the Cincinnati Office that the automobile used by the three escaped fugitives at Kansas City was a 1940 Pontiac Coupe, Maroon in color, with 1942 Missouri license plates #728-902. Agent Miller requested any information that had been developed regarding recovery of the car taken from Dr. CLOYCE WILSON by the three Subjects.

By teletype dated March 5, 1943 the Louisville Office advised that 1939 Chrysler Sedan, Motor No. C-18-8092, bearing 1942 Ohio license plates 242-AK, was recovered by Agents of that office in private garage in rear of home of Mrs. GILSON BROYLES, 212 East Catherine Street, Louisville, Ky., which was two and one-half blocks southeast of Jewish Hospital, also advising the car was apparently in running condition. It should be noted that this is the automobile taken from Dr. CLOYCE WILSON when he was kidnapped and taken to 620 Green Street. Dr. WILSON was notified of the recovery on March 8, 1943, and the local police were notified on same date to the effect that the car had been recovered.

On March 1, 1943 teletype dated at Kansas City was addressed to the Special Agent in Charge at Denver to the effect that an informant advised he believed that all three fugitives sometime last summer visited EARL RUSSE, 1470 Josephine Street, who is employed at the Recordak Corporation, 1638 California Street, both Denver. RUSSE is reported as a brother-in-law of HARRY "BUDDY" GUNDEL, who is known to be an associate of Subject RITELY. Teletype requested Denver to check as to possible contacts of fugitives with RUSSE. No undeveloped lead is being set out for the Denver Office.

The following is list of evidence which was taken from Subjects RATHY and RICKETTS and the 1938 Pontiac car recovered at Kansas City, Missouri, which was received by the Cincinnati Office and is being retained as evidence:

FROM RATHY:

- 1 Key - Yale Junior /10
- 1 Blank prescription form
- 1 Receipt #2886 Jewish Hospital Louisville, Ky. for \$5.00, issued to "FRANK ZOGLER".
- 1 "A" Ration Book #569279
- 1 "C" Ration Book - no front cover - back cover bears name, "Dr. CLOYCE WILSON".

FROM RICKETTS:

- 1 "C" Ration book cover F659032U2
- 1 "C" Ration book cover F659031U2
- 1-First. Vice Marshal's badge Cincinnati
- 1 Small Master Key
- 1 Pa. St. Regis paper with pencil notation figures on gasoline mileage and 19 white envelopes, which RICKETTS said was same type as that written to the Cincinnati police as to the location of tie-up of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON.

1938 PONTIAC:

- 1 Doctor's grip containing surgical instruments and medicines
- 1 Manila brown env. l.p. with markings: "Punctured right heel - referred by OSCAR BLOCH, M. D. - 2-12-45 (found in glove compartment and containing two X-Ray negatives, apparently of RATHY'S injured heel)
- 2 X-Ray negatives of a person's heel and foot
- 1 Pair brown leather gloves

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1938 FORTING (CONTINUED):

- 1 Pair White Gloves with knit top
- 1 Gray, orange stripe angora jacket
- 1 Brown felt hat marked "Super Quality Felt, hand finished, waterbuok process, size 7-1/8"
- 1 Gray herringbone vest and pants to match
- 1 Brown stripe vest and pants to match
- 1 Fireman's coat, containing constitution and by-laws of Firemans Protective Association of Cincinnati, Ohio; Official oath signed HENRY RICHARD MILLER, April 4, 1929. Name in coat Captain H. MILLER dated January 1926 #15638, initials inside pocket "H. M.", made by LEVY & PHILPAIN, 809 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Papers in pocket marked "Cincinnati Cigarette Case Company" and two envelopes of "Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Avenue, St. Louis"
- 1 Fireman's cap, size 7-1/8, manufactured by Feckhimer Bros. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio

On March 9, 1943 the Kansas City Office by teletype advised the Special Agent in Charge at Denver that police in Kansas City had received information to the effect that BEVER might be hitchhiking enroute Denver, Colorado from Leavenworth, Kansas. No other information available as to this.

On February 22, 1943 Lieutenant JACOB SCHMIDT, Second District, Cincinnati Police Department, telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office at approximately 9:30 P.M., at which time he stated that JUNE BLOD, alias JUNE BLODLOCK, was a girl friend of Subject RICHARDS and was at that moment in a restaurant about one block from District 2 Headquarters, and that Lieutenant SCHMIDT had been talking to another girl friend of this girl who had told him that JUNE BLOD was going to visit RICHARDS on February 23, 1943 somewhere in Indiana.

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The writer contacted Lieutenant SCHMIDT, at which time the Lieutenant introduced one JOHN ALBERT MULHOLLAND, 4607 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, who had given Lieutenant SCHMIDT the original information. Upon interview MULHOLLAND stated that he had obtained the information from a Mr. MOORE, who was running the Student Prince Bar located on Pearl Street near Sycamore, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MULHOLLAND stated that he knew JUANITA ELROD very well and had been a boy friend of hers at one time. He stated that after told him that she was a former girl friend of RICKETTS and had a child by him. MULHOLLAND stated that he asked JUANITA about it, at which time she admitted this to be true, and stated she was leaving for Indiana that evening or the first thing the following morning.

Arrangements were made with MULHOLLAND to have the girl pointed out to the writer when he stated that she was at that moment at the Skillick Night Club at the corner of Pearl and Laidlaw Avenues. Surveillance was then immediately placed on the night club by the writer and assistance was obtained from the Cincinnati Office of Special Agents PAUL RIFFLE and JOSEPH C. VANNUCH. After numerous trips to various cafes and night clubs JUANITA ELROD was found leaving the Five & Ten restaurant, located on Sycamore at Pearl Street, in a Parkway cab, license number 360 DS at 12:40 P. M. February 22, to 225 Court Street, which is directly opposite the Hamilton County Jail from which the three Subjects originally escaped. Surveillance of this address was maintained until 3:00 A. M., at which time JUANITA ELROD was again seen leaving this address and walked south on Sycamore to what is known as the "bottoms" in the vicinity of Pearl and Broadway, where it was noted that she again went on a drinking spree and was noted to become quite intoxicated.

Due to the meager, positive information which MULHOLLAND furnished, the writer contacted Mrs. FLORENCE MCWORY, 225 Court Street, who was seen leaving the restaurant with JUANITA ELROD, at which time Mrs. MCWORY advised that sometime during the night JUANITA had left her apartment, which was just one room, while she was fast asleep and had stolen \$6 from Mrs. MCWORY's purse. When advised of the information that JUANITA was possibly associating with one of the Subjects who had escaped from the County Jail Mrs. MCWORY stated that while she did not think it was true she believed that she would be able to obtain the information from Mr. MOORE, the Proprietor of the Student Prince Bar.

It was noted that Mrs. MCWORY, like JUANITA ELROD, is a heavy drinker, and her first question to the Agent was concerning what amount of money would be paid to her for giving this information. It was



agreed with Mrs. MOWERY that if she obtained the information which could be traced to be the truth it would be made worth her while.

On February 23, Mrs. MOWERY contacted the writer and advised that she had learned that JENNIE ELROD originated in Elrod, Indiana and that her parents resided there at the present time. She also learned the child presently staying with JENNIE'S parents belongs to JENNIE, and that the father of this child was none other than the original informant JOHN I. MULHOLLAND.

Detective JOHN DAVIS advised the writer that he is very familiar with Elrod, Indiana, in that his wife originates there, and that she has known the Elrod family over some period of years. He also advised that he knew JENNIE ELROD to be nothing but a common prostitute, and in fact has served time on several occasions for this practice, and was sentenced to six months in the Cincinnati Workhouse on March 2, last for practicing common prostitution.

It is believed that the information furnished by Mrs. MOWERY was for the greater part the truth and monetary reward has been given to her.

On March 8, 1943 Patrolman W. C. WATT, Fourth District, Police Department, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that one CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE had advised him that Subject BEVER was at that time at 1322 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he was to leave for Cincinnati, Ohio by bus that night.

Upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge, Special Agent HOWARD LOWMEYER was telephonically contacted at the Cleveland Office and requested to ascertain if there was any truth in the information furnished by Patrolman WATT'S informant.

On March 9, 1943 the writer contacted Patrolman WATT, Fourth District Headquarters, at which time he advised that his informant, CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE, had apparently received his information through a woman known as ELSIE ROSE, who resides at the Oxford Hotel, 523 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, in that FRYE had told him he had seen a letter which had been received by ELSIE ROSE from Subject BEVER.

The same date Mr. J. C. COLTAN, Assistant Manager of the Oxford Hotel, was contacted by the writer, at which time Mr. COLTAN advised that there was no one residing at the Oxford Hotel by that name or fitting description that had been given by Patrolman WATT'S informant.

On March 12, 1943 at about 7:00 P. M. Chief CONNELLY in charge of Plant Protection of the Ravina Ordnance Plant, Wayland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office to advise that CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE was in his office and wanted to talk to the writer. The writer, through authority of the Special Agent in Charge, contacted Chief CONNELLY telephonically, at which time the writer talked to CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE who stated he had located BEVER about twenty miles east of Wayland, Ohio; that BEVER was supposedly working in a railroad section-hand camp as a cook. During conversation had with FRYE it was noted that he was speaking incoherently and might possibly be under the influence of intoxicants.

The writer asked FRYE to put Chief CONNELLY on the phone again, at which time Chief CONNELLY also indicated that FRYE was intoxicated or was possibly suffering from hallucinations.

On March 13, 1943 Lieutenant L. NEWBLE WHITE of the Ravina Ordnance Plant, Wayland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he had prepared a report upon the informant CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE, at which time the Lieutenant requested if the information should be forwarded to the Cincinnati Office. In that the Ravina Ordnance Plant is located in the Cleveland District, arrangements were made with the Lieutenant whereby an agent from the Cleveland Field Division would contact him in the near future.

On authority of Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. J. WENDELL, the writer telephonically contacted Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. B. WILCOX, Cleveland Office, advising of request that had been made of this office by Lieutenant NEWBLE WHITE, at which time Mr. WILCOX advised that an agent would be assigned to interview Lieutenant NEWBLE WHITE and obtain all pertinent information which he had developed in the interview with FRYE, and also consider the possibility that FRYE might accidentally have some information which would assist in locating Subject BEVER, which would also be followed up.

Reference report of Special Agent FRED H. TAYLOR dated at St. Louis, Missouri February 25, 1943, set out lead to interview to whom telephone numbers were given and when 9333 were issued in Cincinnati. From the Bureau Crisscross Index it was ascertained by the writer that when 9333 was issued to E. B. HILLMAN Restaurant, Burnside Avenue, Avondale. It should be noted that E. B. HILLMAN'S Restaurant is where CATHY DOWLING was employed during the time she kept company with Subject TAYLOR prior to the Avondale Bank robbery. In that these telephone numbers were obtained from personal

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effects by the St. Paul Office when the three Subjects were arrested there on November 23, 1942, the numbers will have no bearing in locating any of the Subjects at this time.

The same index reflected that Aven 9447 was issued to the Rockdale Apartments, 538 Rockdale Avenue, Aronahill. It should be noted that this apartment building is one in which the Subjects resided when in Cincinnati prior to the Aronahill Bank Robbery, and will have no bearing at this time.

On March 6, 1943 Subject SAMUEL RICKETTS was interviewed at the Cincinnati Warehouse by Special Agents H. J. HETHINGS and JOHN LINTON, at which time Subject RICKETTS voluntarily admitted the kidnapping of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, and that they had taken from the doctor his medical kit and approximately \$150. RICKETTS admitted the theft of the doctor's car as well as the theft of cars from Louisville, and in Kansas City subsequent to the escape.

He also admitted knowledge of the theft of the automobile which was found in their possession at St. Paul, Minnesota when arrested November 23, 1942.

RICKETTS stated that upon his direction Subject LITKIN had written the letters from Louisville, Kentucky to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, and to the Chief of Police at Station K, Cincinnati, Ohio.

When questioned as to his participation in the robbery of the bank he stated that he would not admit it nor would he deny it, but requested to be given an opportunity to talk to the U. S. Attorney. He stated that he wanted to save himself as much time as possible, and believed that in talking to the U. S. Attorney he would be able to gain some advantage.

It should be noted that RICKETTS was given this opportunity on March 6, 1943 when he and Subject LITKIN were brought to the Federal Building by the U. S. Marshal, at which time they were given the opportunity of talking to U. S. Attorney CALVIN M. CAMPBELL, and Assistant U. S. Attorney DON T. HILL.

It should also be noted that neither of the two subjects admitted the robbery which indicated their implication in instant bank robbery.

RICKETTS in admitting the theft of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON's car stated that they had left it parked in a garage in the rear of the house

in which they resided in Louisville, Kentucky subsequent to their escape.

RICKETTS admitted his association with HARRY "BUDEY" O'DELL and participation in numerous robberies throughout the State of New York.

When questioned as to any National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violations that might have been committed by him, or by O'DELL or RICKETTS, at that time, he stated that in the New York robberies "we used my own car". He stated that his car was presently in the custody of police at Buffalo, New York.

Subject RICKETTS stated that he and RATTAY contemplated killing Subject BEVEL in St. Louis, Missouri en route to Kansas City. He stated that the only thing that kept them from doing so was the fact that they had no firearms with which to do it. When asked as to the reason for wanting to kill BEVEL, he stated: "The damn fool has no brains and is responsible for all our trouble".

He also stated that he hoped BEVEL would be apprehended in the near future because he said: "The damn fool does not have brains enough to stay away from liquor and women".

RICKETTS was then asked if he knew the whereabouts of BEVEL, to which he replied: "I do not know, and if I did I would not tell you because I have never been a rat".

In interview, Subject RATTAY admitted his participation in the jail break and theft of two cars subsequent to the break in Cincinnati, Ohio. He stated that the episode in Eden Park in which the Cincinnati Police claim they had them surrounded, could best be explained by the fact that no bullets were fired at the car while any of them (meaning CLARENCE PARSONS, RICKETTS, BEVEL and himself) were in the car. He stated that soon after the chase took place their car had skidded off the road and they had started out on foot, with CLARENCE PARSONS becoming separated from them, and he, BEVEL, and RICKETTS walking around until they found the abandoned house at 628 Green Street, where they broke a window in the rear door entering into the kitchen, and in which house they stayed for three days prior to the kidnapping of Dr. WILSON.

Subject RATTAY readily admitted kidnapping Dr. WILSON,

and expressed his pleasure that nothing serious had happened to the doctor, because, he stated, "he was a nice old guy".

RATKEY also admitted his association with HARRY "BUDGET" O'BRIEN in numerous robberies in New York State.

When asked what his reaction would have been to apprehension if he himself had been armed with weapons, he stated that he would have shot it out to the last bullet.

When questioned as to present whereabouts of Subject BEVER, RATKEY stated: "He is the dirtiest rat I have ever known". When asked for an explanation of his statement he said: "I have a lot of contacts in Kansas City, I could have borrowed money from but failed to do so because I did not want to get my friends in trouble". He said: "But that rat BEVER went around telling my friends and telling them that he was calling for \$10 which RATKEY needed", and that RATKEY'S friend gave BEVER this \$10 on account of this statement. RATKEY stated that he had at no time told BEVER anything like this at all; that the manner in which BEVER obtained the money from his friend was purely BEVER'S own manufacture.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will at the Ravina Ordnance Plant contact Lieutenant L. REPENHENT concerning any information which he may have developed in interview with Informant CLEMENCE EDWARD FRYE.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will at 1322 Euclid Avenue make an appropriate investigation to determine if Subject BEVER was at that address, as stated by Informant CLEMENCE EDWARD FRYE.

(Note: It is believed that Informant CLEMENCE EDWARD FRYE is unreliable.)

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

\* AT SCOTTSDALE, INDIANA

Will report results of investigation conducted there due to the fact that BEN GAYN and BILLY BROWN may have knowledge or connection with Subject BEVER. As per teletype dated Indianapolis February 21, 1943.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will follow all logical leads that may lead to the apprehension of Subject BEVER in that it is believed he is still in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas.

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Will report the circumstances under which 1938 Chrysler sedan, property of Dr. CLOVER WILSON, Cincinnati, was recovered, as well as

report the circumstances under which the Subject resided in a rooming house near the garage from which car was recovered.

Will also report the investigation conducted surrounding Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, residing at 1953 Bardstown Road, Louisville.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning Miss ANN NEWELL, wife of JOSEPH L. NEWELL, employed at General Motors as instrument worker, in that Mrs. NEWELL is a former girl friend of Subject BEVER, and seek her cooperation in the event Subject BEVER should appear in Detroit.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will follow and report prosecutive action of CLARENCE ELSONS and PATRICK J. SONS for violation of 753 H, Title 18 U.S.C.

Will maintain contact with Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JACOB SCHMIDT concerning any information that may develop concerning present whereabouts of Subject BEVER.

Will also maintain contact with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office concerning any information that may come to their attention concerning the whereabouts of Subject BEVER.

Will also bear in mind that Det. John W. WHITE, attached to the Fourth District, Cincinnati Police Department, has been cooperating with the Cincinnati Office concerning any information that has been brought to his attention by his informant CLARENCE EDWARD TRAYL. Det. John WHITE has consistently placed little reliance in this informant and any information brought to the attention of the Cincinnati Office by the Det. should be thoroughly verified before any extensive investigation is conducted upon the information furnished by this source of information.

Will follow and report prosecutive action of Subjects LENTLY and RICHMONTS for violations 753 H, Title 18, U.S.C.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias. I. O. #1869, etal - FUGITIVE</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Unable to locate IAHOMA McLEMORE, Hot Springs, Arkansas, or Little Rock, Arkansas.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Kansas City to Little Rock dated March 12, 1943  
Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated 2-22-43 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:** AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

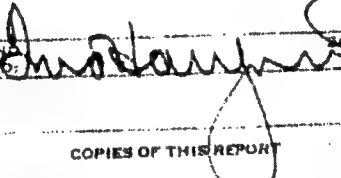
On March 24, 1943, the writer contacted LOYD LEMMONS, manager of the Belvedere Night Club, who stated that he did not know IAHOMA McLEMORE and that the Belvedere Club was not, at the present time, employing any hostesses or steerers.

On the same date, ROSCOE JOHNSON, manager of the Southern Club was contacted and also stated that he did not know anyone by the name of IAHOMA McLEMORE. Neither did he employ any hostesses or steerers.

It is to be noted in referenced letter that it was thought that IAHOMA McLEMORE was employed in one of the large or largest gambling establishments at Little Rock, Arkansas. Inasmuch as there are no gambling establishments in operation in Little Rock, Arkansas, this lead was covered at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where the two aforementioned gambling establishments are in operation.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION   AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

Will remain in contact with various gambling establishments, informants, and the Hot Springs Police Department in an effort to locate the present whereabouts of the subject.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

707 U. S. COURT HOUSE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

April 2, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, Fugitive, IO 1869,  
ET AL; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Louis Office to the Bureau dated March 30, 1943.

The Kansas City Office does not have any information that would indicate any reason why ISABELLA FRICKELTON should not at this time be interviewed. In fact, it would appear that it might be advisable to do so at this time.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>                 | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-1-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-13, 24-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>W. JACK CHRISTOPHERSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJS</b></span>                     |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE, et al</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reported that subject BEVER was employed with the B & O Railroad section gang at Newton Falls, Ohio. BEVER's picture exhibited to superiors and gang members of all section gangs in vicinity of Newton Falls with negative results. Disclosed that informant was intoxicated at the time he made report of BEVER's presence in Newton Falls. Unable to locate original informant. [REDACTED]

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**REFERENCE:**

Telephone call from Cincinnati Field Division March 13, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call from Special Agent J. A. Reiter of the Cincinnati Field Division who advised that an informant by the name of [REDACTED] had reported to Chief G. W. CONNELLEY at the Ravenna Arsenal that he, [REDACTED] knew where subject BEVER was presently located. The writer was advised that Lieutenant HEPPLEWHITE of the Ravenna Arsenal had full facts concerning this matter, as [REDACTED] had reported to HEPPLEWHITE.

**AT RAVENNA, OHIO:**

Lieutenant L. HEPPLEWHITE, Intelligence Officer, Atlas Powder Company, Ravenna Arsenal, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on the evening of March 12, 1943, an

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. I. Boardman</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">76-9276-85</div>   | RECORDED<br>&<br>INDEXED |
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individual by the name of [ ] had come to the guard house of the Ravenna Arsenal and requested that he be allowed to come in to phone the Cincinnati Field Office of the FBI. HEPPLEWHITE advised [ ] was brought to the door at headquarters of the Atlas Powder Company and at the time he told Chief CONNELLEY and himself that he knew where subject BEVER was at the present time. HEPPLEWHITE explained that [ ] claimed that he had worked with Agent REITER of the Cincinnati Field Division and that REITER had got a job for [ ] on the Baltimore and Ohio section gang so that [ ] could work on a case in this vicinity.

HEPPLEWHITE explained that Officer OSSIN GRUBER, a guard at the Atlas Powder Company, had taken [ ] to the Paris Inn where he met an individual who had extremely wavy red hair, a description which [ ] had also applied to BEVER, according to HEPPLEWHITE. [ ] had told GRUBER that he saw BEVER at Newton Falls on March 12, 1943, and had explained that BEVER was working on the B & O section gang at Newton Falls. [ ] had also advised that the red-headed individual who was waiting for him at the Paris Inn was a good friend of BEVER's and he, [ ] intended to get this red-headed individual drunk so that he would give information about BEVER.

According to HEPPLEWHITE, [ ] located just outside the entrance to the Ravenna Arsenal, and had told GRUBER that he would be in this car on March 13, 1943.

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Reporting agent, accompanied by Special Agent Walter L. Brock, proceeded to the east box car of the Atlas Powder Company work train and made inquiry of ARTHUR WALTON, foreman, Section Crew, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who advised that on the morning of March 13, 1943, he had discharged [ ] WALTON advised that [ ] had worked for him [ ] He explained that on the evening of [ ] had come to him and had requested a job on the section gang. At the time he made this request, WALTON advised [ ] however, he had employed him. He explained that on the evening of [ ] had borrowed [ ] from WALTON and had gone to the Paris Inn where he had got drunk and had attempted to [ ] by the name of VERNON DAVIS. WALTON explained that he knew [ ] to have been drinking most of the evening of [ ] and during several hours of the early morning of [ ] He explained that at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of [ ] had appeared for work and was still in an intoxicated condition and had told WALTON that it would not be possible for him to work that morning but had promised that if WALTON would give him enough money to buy a drink he would work the afternoon. WALTON advised that he immediately discharged [ ] and had ordered him to leave the box car camp that morning, and sometime prior to Noon of [ ] had noticed [ ] toward Akron, Ohio; however, he, WALTON, did not know what [ ] destination was.

WALTON was exhibited a photograph of subject HARRY BEVER, and he advised that he had no man on his crew who would answer to this description.

AT NEWTON FALLS, OHIO:

H. L. BARNES, passenger agent, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station, Newton Falls, Ohio, advised that there were two section gangs working out of the Newton Falls division of this railroad. He explained that WILLIAM CHILDRESS was superintendent of maintenance and had direct supervision over all gangs working in that vicinity of three hundred miles of Newton Falls. BARNES advised that most of the members of the section gang had been in Newton Falls Station on one or more occasions. He was exhibited a photograph of subject BEVER; however, he advised that he could not associate this individual with any person employed on the section gangs at the present time.

WILLIAM CHILDRESS, 213 Superior, Newton Falls, Ohio, superintendent of maintenance, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, advised that he had direct contact with all members of the section gangs working within his district, which, he explained, covered three hundred miles of Baltimore and Ohio track. CHILDRESS was exhibited a photograph of subject BEVER and he advised that he did not at the present time have an individual in his employ who would answer to the description of subject BEVER. CHILDRESS agreed that in all future contacts with members of the section gang employed under him he would attempt to identify subject BEVER. He explained that it was his intention to visit all gangs in his district within the week and, in the event he discovered anyone answering to BEVER's description, he would immediately notify the Cleveland Field Division.

CHILDRESS was subsequently re-contacted, however advised that from his observations he knew that the subject was not employed at the present time by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Subject's photograph was exhibited to FRANK CLIFFORD, yard master, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad box car camp, Newton Falls, Ohio. CLIFFORD advised that although both of the Newton Falls section gangs resided in this box car camp, he could not associate subject with any member of such gangs.

Subject's photograph was also exhibited to STEVE SERBA, section crew foreman, Newton Falls Division, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. SERBA advised that there was no person employed under him either at the present time or in the past who would be identical with subject BEVER.

AT RAVENNA, OHIO:

BILL CANNON, commissary clerk, Baltimore and Ohio Section Gang, Atlas Powder Company, was exhibited a photograph of the subject with negative

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results. CANNON advised that the red-headed individual referred to by GRUBER was one VERNON DAVIS, 20 years of age, who had been employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a three-week period. CANNON explained that he had talked with DAVIS on the morning of March 13, 1943, and DAVIS had told him that on the preceding evening [ ] had taken him to the Paris Inn at Wayland, Ohio, where he, [ ] had proceeded to get drunk. CANNON further advised that DAVIS had told him that [ ] had attempted to borrow money from him while at the Paris Inn and, following his return to the box car camp, had made an effort to obtain DAVIS' wallet.

DAVIS advised that he was not acquainted with [ ] by name, although he had been told on March 13, 1943, that it was [ ] whom he had been with the preceding evening. The individual whom he now knew to be [ ] had asked him to go to the Paris Inn on March 12th. [ ] had met him at the Inn at approximately 11:00 p.m. DAVIS explained that [ ] had immediately commenced to get drunk and had been drinking until the early hours of the morning. He stated that he had made repeated efforts to borrow money from DAVIS, as he knew DAVIS had been paid on March 12th, and, following their return to the box car camp, [ ] had attempted to get his wallet while he was sleeping.

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DAVIS was exhibited the photograph of subject BEVER. He advised that he did not know an individual who would answer the likeness in this photograph. He explained that he had never mentioned to [ ] the name BEVER, and [ ] had never questioned him concerning his knowledge of an individual by the name of BEVER.

AT WAYLAND, OHIO:

SAM YANKOVICH, proprietor of the Paris Inn, Wayland, Ohio, advised that section gangs in the vicinity of Newton Falls and Ravenna, Ohio, inhabited his inn. YANKOVICH was exhibited subject BEVER's photograph and advised that he could not identify him with any person who had ever been in this inn. He was questioned concerning his knowledge of [ ] and explained that he knew [ ] and an individual who answered to the description of VERNON DAVIS to have been in the inn on the night of March 12, 1943. YANKOVICH advised that he knew [ ] to have been intoxicated on this evening. He explained that he had not seen either [ ] or DAVIS contact any other individuals in the inn.

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FILE NO. **76-423**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>                          | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-2-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-11-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JACK RAYMOND DURLAND</b>                                |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, wa. I. O. #1869, etal - FUGITIVE</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JOHN SINGLETON, incarcerated at Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas advised that HARRY BEVER, unlike RADKY, had few contacts and that these contacts were without exception located in Kansas City, Missouri. Informant believes that subject is presently hiding out in Kansas City. SINGLETON stated that he went to Kansas City approximately March 14, 1943 for the purpose of contacting BEVER, but slugged a soldier during a drunken brawl and was placed under the control of the military authorities before he had an opportunity to complete his mission. Informant after being charged with assault had planned to finger BEVER if Special Agent SCOTT would endeavor to secure his release from the minor charge. Since the slugged soldier died and a more serious charge is pending against him, SINGLETON advised that he knew he was beyond help, and thus had no incentive to divulge the contacts of the subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #76-9296  
 I. O. #1869  
 Letter from Kansas City Field Division dated March 25, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

In a letter dated March 25, 1943, the Little Rock Field Division was requested by the Kansas City Field Division to interview JOHN SINGLETON, Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas in as much as

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SINGLETON had directed the following letter to Kansas City:

March 19, 1943

FBI Agent Scott

"Scotty:

"If you think I can do you any good on Red Bever or other things, then it would probably be to your advantage to see me. I can't promise you anything in this letter but if you want to come to talk to me, maybe we can work something out.

John Singleton.

"P.S. If not, answer back at once and say so, please.  
J.S. "

AT CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS:

On March 31, 1943 the agent contacted JOHN SINGLETON at the Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

SINGLETON advised that he had been charged with manslaughter by the military authorities and would receive a military trial in the near future. While the prisoner was on furlough in Kansas City, Missouri approximately March 14, 1943, he became intoxicated and struck another soldier and was taken into custody by the military authorities. At first, the prisoner advised the agent, he was charged with committing a simple assault, but the slugged soldier has since died and the charge has been changed to that of manslaughter. At the time the prisoner wrote to Special Agent SCOTT, the soldier which he hit had not as yet died and he felt that the matter could be straightened out, in as much as it is not uncommon for soldiers to engage in fights when under the influence of liquor. It was with this thought in view that the prisoner contacted Special Agent SCOTT. SINGLETON stated that he wanted to make a trade with SCOTT; that if SCOTT would speak to the Provost Marshall about the minor charge, he, SINGLETON, would in turn finger HARRY BEVER for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Now, due to the death of the other soldier, SINGLETON advised that he knew he was beyond any help and would no doubt have to serve time as a penalty. Consequently, SINGLETON continued, "Since you can't help me, I can't help you".

The informant advised that he had received word from Kansas City that HARRY BEVER wanted to contact him. So that he might comply with BEVER'S wishes SINGLETON stated that he obtained a furlough and proceeded to Kansas City around March 14, 1943. However, before he had an opportunity to talk to BEVER, he became involved in the aforementioned scrape and was not able to carry out his mission.

The prisoner explained that unlike RADKY, HARRY BEVER had very few contacts and that these few contacts were without exception located in



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Kansas City, Missouri. It was for this reason that SINGLETON was at a loss to understand why BEVER had not been apprehended prior to the apprehension of RADKY and RICKETTS. The informant was certain that BEVER was at present in Kansas City as he would be lost in any other town. When questioned as to why BEVER would want to contact him, he explained that BEVER had few contacts that he could trust and no doubt wanted assistance.

SINGLETON was of the opinion that it would be unlikely that BEVER would contact Mrs. RICKETTS in as much as Mrs. RICKETTS was bitter over the capture of her husband and would delight in exposing BEVER. However, the informant later concluded that if BEVER became desperate he might take a chance on seeking assistance from Mrs. RICKETTS, who probably was residing in Kansas City, Missouri, exact address unknown.

SINGLETON believed it far more likely that BEVER would attempt to contact Mrs. HARRY BEVER, who might also be in Kansas City, Missouri. The informant stated that BEVER'S wife was afraid of the subject and would follow his orders for that reason.

SINGLETON concluded by reiterating that he knew the contacts of the subject in Kansas City, but that in as much as he no longer had any incentive to divulge the information, he would refrain from implicating them.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

• THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION      AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

Will remain in contact with various gambling establishments, informants and the Hot Springs Police Department in an effort to locate the present whereabouts of subject.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-1-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-18-43</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>RICHARD D. CLARK</b>                                    |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, et als,<br/>FUGITIVE</b>   |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mail cover placed and immediately removed. It was ascertained that a J. PARSONS, Mrs. ANGUS and Mrs. SAMS also received mail at the R. E. CICHESTER residence at 431 Fifty-second Street, West New York, New Jersey. Mrs. CICHESTER, sister of CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, not aware of her brother's escape inasmuch as she had just returned home from the hospital. She stated that she had received a postcard from CLARENCE on February 11, 1943. She also received two letters from subject CLARENCE PARSONS while in the hospital. Letters and card of no value as to investigative leads. CLARENCE and ARTHUR had contacted Mrs. CICHESTER immediately after their desertion from the Army in 1940. Subjects apprehended in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 17, 1943.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><del>DEFERRED RECORDING</del></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.<br/>Teletype from Cincinnati Field Division dated February 18, 1943.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> A thirty-day mail cover was placed on all incoming mail for 431 Fifty-second Street, West New York, New Jersey but was immediately discontinued upon receipt of referenced teletype.</p> <p>Mr. LEO RAUSCH, mail carrier, West New York, New Jersey, who delivers mail at the above address, stated that a J. PARSONS used to receive mail at this address but that he had not delivered any for this person for some months. He was not able to advise what the initial "J" stood for. RAUSCH further advised that besides the CICHESTERS, persons by the</p> |                                 |   |  |
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names of SAMS and ANGUS also received mail at the same address. SAMS usually received a check that was apparently from the United States government. RAUSCH advised that he had not seen any strange men around the apartment house in the last week.

Mr. R. E. CHICHESTER, 431 Fifty-second Street, West New York, New Jersey, stated that his wife, FRANCES, had not been advised by him of her brother's escape due to the fact that she had just returned home from the hospital where she had a major operation. He further stated that his wife had received a card from CLARENCE PARSONS dated February 3, 1943 and Postmarked February 11, 1943. Mrs. CHICHESTER produced the card which revealed nothing other than inquiries about her health and that her brother hoped that she had a speedy recovery. She also produced two other letters that she had received from CLARENCE but these mentioned no names other than ARTHUR PARSON and the results of the trial, how much it had cost his parents for the lawyer and how he planned on going straight if he ever got out of his present trouble. No information whatsoever was divulged from the contents of these letters that would lead to the possible apprehension of HARRY BEVER, WILLIAM RADKAY, or SAMUEL ORICKETTS.

FRANCES CHICHESTER advised that she was a sister of CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS and that she did not know that they had escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, until this date. She further stated that her brothers deserted the army in 1940 and had come to live with her and her husband. After the CHICHESTERS found out they had deserted, they told the boys that they would have to get out of their house or give themselves up. They gave themselves up and were sentenced to Governors Island for their desertion. After they served their time, they were sent to different posts. Again they deserted but never did approach their home on this occasion.

Mrs. CHICHESTER stated that if she received any information as to the whereabouts of the other men, that her brothers had escaped with, that she would notify this office immediately.

On February 18, 1943 a teletype was received from the Cincinnati office advising that ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS and CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS had been apprehended on February 17, 1943.

Inasmuch as the subjects have been apprehended and because there is no further need to follow the investigative leads set out for the Newark Field Division in regards to CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, no further investigation is being considered by the Newark office.

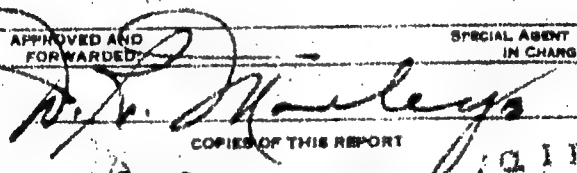
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PROVIDENCE, R. I.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/25/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3/16/43</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JAMES T. MAGHER</b>                                     |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. Larry James Degan, Fred Mathews, Harry Beaver - FUGITIVE, WILLIAM ISAAC RATHKAY, was William Radkay, William I. Ratke, William I. Radkay, William Isaac Radkay, William Booman, Willie Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Ruebin, Samuel Rowan - FUGITIVE</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS and FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><b>SAMUEL RICKETTS, was Sam Rickett, Thomas Roberts, George Wright - FUGITIVE<br/>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was Clarence Wells, Woodrow Holbrook - FUGITIVE<br/>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was Arthur Wells, Arch, Bill - FUGITIVE</b>  |                                  |  |  |
| Synopsis:   |                                  | Information regarding HARRY BEVER in this field office negative. Appropriate stops placed.   |  |
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| Reference:  |                                  | Report of Special Agent John A. Reiter, at Cincinnati, Ohio, dated February 13, 1943.  |  |
| Details:  |                                  | A check of the indices of this office revealed no information concerning HARRY RALPH BEVER. Stop on mail placed with the Superintendent of General Delivery, Providence Post Office. Stop on name and aliases of subject placed with Division of Motor Vehicles.                                 |  |
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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     76-7296-44                 </div><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>17 MAR 29 1943.</b> </div> |  |
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC  
RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL  
RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARRY  
RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an Identification Order  
on Samuel Ricketts. Kindly verify the fingerprint classification  
and check your files for any recent arrest of this individual.

When the above has been completed, please forward the  
attached draft to the Mechanical Section.

There is also transmitted herewith a photograph of Ricketts  
and it is requested that three hundred copies of this photograph  
be made, with the name reflected thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM 2/17/43  
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## NAME AND ALIASES:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases:  
 George Mason, Sam Rickett, Sam  
 Ricketts, Bob Roberts, George  
 Roberts, T. Roberts, Thomas Roberts,  
 "Doc" Ricketts, George Thomas, George  
 Wright, Robert Wright, "Shingle"

## FBI NUMBER:

1486280

## FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:

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## OFFENSES:

HANK ROBBERY  
 NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

## DESCRIPTION:

Age, 28 years, born December 28, 1914, Atchison County, Kansas  
 Height, 5 feet, 11 1/8 inches  
 Weight, 135 pounds  
 Eyes, dark brown  
 Hair, black  
 Complexion, sallow  
 Build, slender  
 Face, white  
 Nationality, American  
 Education, 8th grade  
 Occupation, bakery worker  
 Peculiarities, hair receding left side forehead, prominent lower jaw, sunken eyes,  
 formerly inmate of insane asylum, DANGEROUS

Photograph taken December 1, 1942 is attached

## RELATIVES:

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Julia Downey Ricketts, mother  
 1023 Montgall Street  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Mr. Colley \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Ruth Ricketts, also known as Kay Carroll, Kay Ricketts, wife  
 325 Central  
 Kansas City, Kansas  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy Aaron Ricketts, brother  
 1023 Montgall Street  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Evelyn Williams, sister  
 2409 South Mill  
 Mr. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSURE

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RELATIVES (continued)

Mrs. Glenn (Ruth) Holloway, sister  
R. R. #10  
North Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. Michael (Stella) Dams, sister  
1324 Prospect  
Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. Dorothy Rose Goulding, sister  
3011 Prospect  
Kansas City, Missouri

CRIMINAL RECORD:

As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1938; charge, burglary; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As Sam Ricketts, #6505, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1938; charge, burglary, larceny (2 charges); disposition, 30 days for petty larceny, April 28, 1938.

As Sam Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, September 6, 1939; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As Sam Ricketts, #6505, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, September 8, 1939; charge, receiving stolen property; disposition, 6 months, October 2, 1939.

As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, November 30, 1940; charge, investigation; disposition, released, ~~November 3, 1940~~.

As Thomas Roberts, #34864, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota. Deleted per J. Kennedy 7/1/43

As Samuel Ricketts, #35118, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, robbery; disposition, released to U. S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Samuel Ricketts, #5443, arrested U. S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

as Samuel Ricketts, A—, arrested U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged county jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

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A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging subject as Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

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If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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February 17, 1943

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THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; BANK  
ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT  
ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL  
ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an Identification  
Order on William Isaac Radkay. Kindly verify the fingerprint  
classification and check your files for any recent arrest of  
this individual.

When the above has been completed, please forward the  
attached draft to the Mechanical Section.

There is also transmitted herewith a photograph of  
Radkay and it is requested that three hundred copies of this  
photograph be made, with the name reflected thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAMES AND ALIASES:**

WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases:  
James Murphy, Samuel Isaac Radkay, Sam Radke,  
William Radkay, William I. Radkay, <sup>INSOL</sup>  
William Radkay, William Isaac Radkay,  
William Radke, Willie Radke, W. I.  
Radke, Willie Radkay, Bob Deese,  
Sammy Reuben, Sammy Isaac Reuben,  
S. H. Reuben, William Reuben, Samuel  
Isaac Rowan, George H. Rowan, George  
Rowan, Sam Robin, Samuel Isaac Robin,  
"Sam", "Willie"

**FIN NUMBER:**

911699

**FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:**

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**OFFENSE:**

BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

**DESCRIPTION:**

Age, 31 years, born September 24, 1911, Kansas City, Kansas  
Height, 5 feet, 9 3/4 inches  
Weight, 153 pounds  
Eyes, brown  
Hair, dark brown, wavy  
Complexion, sallow  
Build, slender  
Race, white  
Nationality, American, Croatian descent  
Education, 9th grade  
Occupation, shoe repairman, lathe operator, carpenter, packing plant worker,  
steel worker  
Scars and Marks: small scar back left hand; large scar left thumb and palm;  
small pit scar above right eyebrow; scar middle forehead;  
2 small scars right cheek; scar upper lip, bullet scar upper  
left arm.  
Peculiarities: frequents bars, taverns and night clubs; interested in dance  
orchestras, DANGEROUS.

Photograph taken December 1, 1942, is attached.

**RELATIVES:**

Mrs. Steve (Vera) Tomasegovich, also known as Mrs Vera Thomas, mother  
510 Splitlog  
Kansas City, Kansas

ENCLOSURE

Mrs. Isaac (Mary) Radkey, foster mother  
250 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas

Isaac Radkey, foster father  
250 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas

Joseph Radkey, brother  
510 Splitlog  
Kansas City, Kansas

Mrs. John (Agnes) Uziel, sister  
729 Orville  
Kansas City, Kansas

Elizabeth Thomas, stepsister  
510 Splitlog  
Kansas City, Kansas

**CRIMINAL RECORD:**

\*As William Ratkey, #——, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, November 3, 1930; charge, disturbing peace; disposition, fined \$5.00.

As William Isaac Ratkey, #4781, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, April 15, 1931; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released April 16, 1931.

\*As William Ratkey, #——, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, June 8, 1931; charge, vagrancy, highway robbery; disposition, dismissed July 24, 1931

\*As William Ratkey, #4781, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, November 5, 1931; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Kansas.

As William Ratkey, #833, received County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas, November 10, 1931; charge, highway robbery; disposition, 10 to 21 years.

As William I. Radkey, #9950, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, January 17, 1932; crime, highway robbery; sentence, 10 to 21 years.

As Wm. Radkey, #3275, arrested Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, April 5, 1935; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Topeka, Kansas.



As William Radkay, #——, arrested Sheriff's Office, <sup>/Topeka, Kansas</sup> April 5, 1935; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released to Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri.

As William Isaac Radkay, #23080, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, April 12, 1935; charge, robbery; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As Wm. I. Ratke, #2718, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, April 13, 1935; charge, 1st degree robbery; disposition, 10 years.

As Willie Ratke, #46497, received State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, June 4, 1935; crime, 1st degree robbery; sentence 10 years, paroled October 23, 1940.

As William Isaac Radkay, #23080, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, December 16, 1941; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As William Isaac Radkay, #2718, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, December 17, 1941; charge, 1st degree robbery (4 charges); disposition, released on \$10,000 bond, March 19, 1942, forfeited.

As Sam Rubin, #——, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As William Radkay, #35116, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, bank robbery; disposition, released to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As William Isaac Radkay, #3444, arrested U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As William Isaac Radkay, #——, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged County Jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943.

An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Kansas, on November 3, 1942, charging subject as William Isaac Radkay with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about May 16, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Kansas City, Missouri, to Kansas City, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as William Isaac Radkey with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 30, 1942, charging subject as William Isaac Radkey, with a violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in that he, acting in concert with others, robbed a National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943 charging subject as William Isaac Radkey with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

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Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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February 16, 1943

**THE IDENTIFICATION  
DIVISION**

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; BANK ROBBERY;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an Identification Order  
on Harry Ralph Bever. Kindly verify the fingerprint classification  
and check your files for any recent arrest of this individual.

When the above has been completed, please forward the  
attached draft to the Mechanical Section.

There is also transmitted herewith a photograph of Bever  
and it is requested that three hundred copies of this photograph  
be made, with the name reflected thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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*For Mr. Tolson & Mr. Clegg 2/19/43*

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**NAME AND ALIASES:**

**HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases;  
Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever,  
Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry  
James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red"**

**FBI NUMBER:**

**2413512**

**FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:**

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**OFFENSE:**

**BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Age, 26 years, born September 13, 1916, Mill Grove, Missouri**

**Height, 5 feet, 9 3/8 inches**

**Weight, 175 pounds**

**Eyes, gray-green**

**Hair, red, wavy**

**Complexion, ruddy**

**Build, medium stocky**

**Race, white**

**Nationality, American**

**Education, 2 years high school**

**Occupations, cook, laborer, bell hop, porter**

**Scars and Marks: tattoo, double heart and letters "RED" right arm, 4 small  
scars right wrist, vaccination left arm, 2" scar right  
upper lip, scar left side neck and lobe left ear.**

**Peculiarities: bushy red eyebrows, 1 gold crowned tooth upper right, teeth  
in poor condition, occasionally wears rimless glasses.  
DANGEROUS.**

**Photograph taken December 1, 1942 is attached.**

**RELATIVES:**

**Oswa Bever, father  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**Mrs. Blanche Mae Green Bever, mother  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**ENCLOSURE**

Thomas Eugene Bever, brother  
3424 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dixie Dean Garret, divorced wife  
3029 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

CRIMINAL RECORD:

As Harry Ralph Bever, #37095, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 29, 1941; charge, investigation; disposition, released, March 31, 1941.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #7194, arrested Police Department, Ontario, California, August 17, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California.

As Harry R. Bever, #48286, arrested Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California, August 19, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon; disposition, 75 days.

As Ralph Harry Bever, #37095; arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, February 8, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released February 9, 1942.

\*As Ralph Bever, #13096; arrested Police Department, Terre Haute, Indiana, September 23, 1942; charge, U.S. Army deserter; disposition, released to U.S. Army, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

As Larry Dugan, #34865, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #35117, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, robbery; disposition, released to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #5442, arrested U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #—, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged county jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943.

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Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

TO ONE EIGHT SIX NINE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS FUGITIVE REA, REFERENCE CINCINNATI LETTER  
MARCH NINETEENTH LAST AND YOUR LETTER MARCH THIRTY INSERT AD IN ST. LOUIS  
NEWSPAPER ACCORDING WICKETT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE  
SURVEILLANCE AT POSTOFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

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CC - CINCINNATI (BY REGULAR MAIL)  
KANSAS CITY ( " " )

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
St. Louis, Missouri  
March 30, 1943**

Director, FBI

**RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias, et al.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter forwarded from the Cincinnati Field Division to the Bureau with copies for the Kansas City Field Division and this office dated March 19, 1943.

Investigation to date reveals that the unknown salesgirl at Bonds Clothing Store at St. Louis has been identified as Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON, suspected prostitute, residing in Apartment I at 4366 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri.

Under date of March 27, 1943, Special Agents PAUL C. FULLER, L. JOHN PETERSON and DONALD M. DeHART maintained a discreet surveillance of the FRICKELTON apartment while Special Agents ROBERT N. HINDS and EDWARD M. WETTON searched the FRICKELTON apartment with negative results. Investigation in this Field Division so far has revealed no indication that Fugitive BEVER has ever contacted ISABELLE FRICKELTON and a mail cover placed at her address has been negative to date.

This office feels that in view of the fact that Kansas City is the home territory of BEVER he might in the future attempt to re-establish contacts there. At the present, this office has no specific or definite leads in the investigation of ISABELLE FRICKELTON. Since most of BEVER's contacts would be through Kansas City, the Kansas City Field Division is requested for advice as to the possibility of thoroughly interviewing ISABELLE FRICKELTON as to her alleged meeting and association with BEVER while he was in St. Louis for the purpose of eliciting information concerning any remarks he may have made as to his future plans or associates either in St. Louis or Kansas City.

It is further noted that no attempt has been made by this office to place the newspaper ad in the personal column of the local papers in view of the fact that there is no positive indication that BEVER is here in St. Louis at this time. While the insertion of the newspaper ad does not appear advisable to this office for the reason above indicated appropriate action will be taken by this office for the insertion of the ad should the office of origin or Kansas City believe that such action is warranted at this time.



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In view of no contrary advise from the office of origin, should Kansas City deem it advisable, the FRICKELTON girl will be interviewed provided no unusual occasions arise that would make an interview with this girl either impossible or inadvisable.

Very truly yours,

*G. B. Norris*

G. B. NORRIS, SAC

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cc: Cincinnati  
Kansas City



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-229**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>                        | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-10-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERALD C. SNELL</b> <span style="float: right;">ep</span>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUG., I. O. 1869, et al.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa, and Mrs. ERIC ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, interviewed with negative results regarding subject BEVER'S whereabouts. 30 day mail cover placed on both.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file #76-9296.  
Report of SA HERBERT B. BOLLFRASS, El Paso, Texas, dated 3-4-43.

**DETAILS:** This investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. MITCHELL and the reporting agents:

**AT NEWTON, IOWA:**

Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, was contacted at her place of employment, the Pettit Cleaners, and she requested the agents to accompany her to her residence at 212 East Third Street, where she could be interviewed privately and also where she requested the agents to search her premises to be absolutely sure that BEVER was not at that address.

With Mrs. DOWNING'S permission, the agents did make a thorough search of the residence, and failed to locate BEVER, or any evidence that might indicate that BEVER had been there recently.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that approximately four years ago, subject BEVER and his wife had been to her residence in Newton, and had stayed for a period of two or three days.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>J. L. Dalton</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |          |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>1 - Kansas City (Inf.)<br>1 - El Paso (Inf.)<br>2 - Des Moines |                         | 76-9296                      | RECORDED |
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She further stated that approximately two years ago, the subject stopped at her residence for a few minutes as he was passing through Newton. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject, and she stated that in view of present circumstances, she doubted very much if he would try to contact her in any way.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that she was well aware of Federal Harboring Statutes, and should he put in an appearance at her place, she would immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, was interviewed, at which time she advised that the last time she saw subject BEVER was on a Saturday night some time in the year of 1939, at which time BEVER had stopped over for one night on his way through Des Moines. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject since he has gotten into trouble.

Mrs. ISAACS advised that she was familiar with the subject's present circumstances, and has been expecting a call before this from the F.B.I. She requested that the agents make a thorough search of her home to make sure that BEVER was not residing there, which was accordingly done by the agents, and no evidence was found that might indicate that he has been at that place recently. Mrs. ISAACS advised that should BEVER make an appearance at her home, or should she learn of his whereabouts, she would immediately contact the Des Moines Field Division.

By letters dated March 22, 1943, thirty day mail covers were requested to be placed against all mail coming to the addresses of 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will report the results of the thirty day mail covers placed in Des Moines and Newton.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

March 1, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: IDENTIFICATION ORDER on  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as.

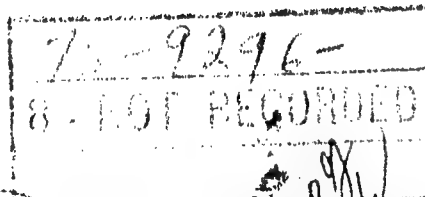
Dear Sir:

Kindly forward to this office fifty additional  
copies of Identification Order No. 1869 on HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as.

Very truly yours,

*DK*  
*ordered from 3/18/43 mfe*  
*DUANE L. TRAYNOR*

DUANE L. TRAYNOR  
Special Agent in Charge



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
Tuesday, March 2, 1943

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice announced today that William Isaac Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, two of the five felons who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, have been apprehended by Special Agents of the FBI in Kansas City, Missouri.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO

Official indicated below by check mark

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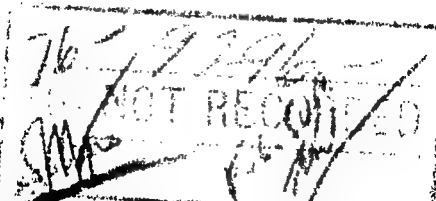
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Please furnish the following supplies to \_\_\_\_\_

| Quantity | Articles   |
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| 50       | <p>I. O. #1869 on HARRY RALPH BEVER</p> <p>75-9216</p> <p><b>FILE</b><br/>FBI<br/>K</p> <p>Mailed<br/>3/13/43<br/>W.C.H.</p> <p>This copy must be signed and returned to the Bureau TOGETHER with a non-expendable receiving slip for items of a non-expendable nature, immediately.</p> |

Received the above mentioned supplies March 16 1943.Signed Duane L. Traynorper G. J. Walker

DUANE L. TRAYNOR

Special Agent in Charge

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2/23/1943

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Re. ~~Alvin~~ Alvin ~~Parson~~ Parson, was fug;  
Arden Raymond Parson, was fug;  
William Isaac Raskay, was fug;  
Samuel ~~Proctor~~ Proctor, was fug;  
Harry Ralph ~~Bauer~~ Bauer, was fug;

Bank Robbery;

National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;

Escapes Federal Prisoners;

Federal Escape Act

I name & alias:

Arden Raymond Parson,  
with aliases Arden Parson,  
Arden A. Parson,  
Arden Wells,  
Arden Wells, Jr.,  
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## I Description,

Age, 24 years, born May 11, 1918,  
Ranewood, West Virginia  
Height, 5 feet, 11 inches  
Weight, 170 pounds  
Eyes, blue  
Hair, blond, wavy  
Complexion, ruddy  
Build, medium  
Race, white  
Nationality, American  
Education, 6th grade  
Occupations, cook, farmer  
Scars and Marks, 1/2" scar  
left elbow, 3 moles on face, mole  
back of neck, vaccination scar left  
arm

Peculiarities, reported to be  
mentally deficient, psychopathic  
personality, CONSIDERED DANGEROUS  
caps please

## II Photograph,

VII Relatives

✓ Mrs. Mary Ellen Parson, mother  
Broadway Avenue, R. F. D. #23  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

✓ Albert Parson, father  
address unknown

✓ John Paul Parson, brother  
State Reformatory  
Mansfield, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Goldie Kennett, sister  
North Bend, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Tom (Ruth) Kennett, sister  
First Street  
Addyston, Ohio  
(SAMS)

✓ Mrs. Virginia Lamm, sister  
First Street  
Addyston, Ohio



✓ Mrs. Frances Colchester, mother  
431 - 52nd Street  
West New York, New Jersey

Clarence Albert Parsons, brother,  
Age, 33 years, Height, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches,  
Weight, 150 pounds, Eyes, brown,  
Hair, brown, Complexion, medium,  
Build, medium slender, Race, white,  
Nationality, American, Education, attended  
high school, Occupation, cook, Scars and  
Marks, scar middle finger left hand,  
mole back side of face, vaccination  
scar left arm, 2 lower teeth missing,  
Address Unknown, possibly traveling  
with subject.

## VIII Criminal Record:

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #4014,  
arrested Police Department, Parkersburg,  
West Virginia, October 9, 1935; charge,  
breaking and entering, larceny,  
disposition, \_\_\_\_\_, Industrial  
School, Pendleton, West Virginia.

As Arthur Raymond Parsons,  
#B200-712, arrested Baltimore  
and Ohio Railroad Company, May 7,  
1939; charge, train riding, disposition,  
15 days County Jail.

As Arthur Parsons, #\_\_\_\_\_, arrested  
Shuff's Office, Parkersburg, West  
Virginia, September 29, 1939; charge,  
petty larceny; disposition, 6 months  
County Jail.

\* As Arthur Parsons, #\_\_\_\_\_,  
arrested Police Department, Lebanon,  
Pennsylvania, April 2, 1942; charge,  
U.S. Army deserter; disposition,  
returned to <sup>U.S. Army</sup> Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

As Arthur Parsons, # —, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2, 1942, charges, kidnapping; disposition, 75 years, November 23, 1942, lodged County Jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943.  
Cape

#### IV Process Outstanding:

Subject was sentenced in the U.S. District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 23, 1942 to serve 75 years in a Federal Penitentiary for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. On February 12, 1943 subject escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging subject as Arthur Raymond Parsons with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio on February 12, 1943.

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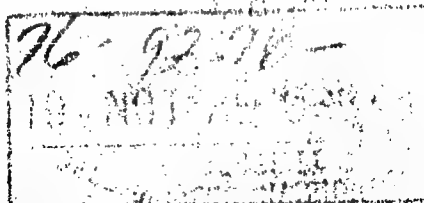
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CINCINNATI--THREE ESCAPED PRISONERS FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL WERE INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE ROBBERY OF THE ARCADE, VENUE BRANCH OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK.  
THE ESCAPED PRISONERS, ALVIN KARPIS, 31, HALL AT CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, ST. PAUL, MINN., AND MARTIN LUTHER, 35, WASHINGTON CITY.

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CINCINNATI--JAMES W. BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF PRISONS TODAY ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE JAIL BREAK LAST NIGHT OF FIVE FEDERAL PRISONERS AT HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL AS THE SEARCH SPREAD INTO THREE STATES.

IT WAS INDICATED THAT THE COUNTY JAIL MIGHT BE REMOVED FROM THE FEDERALLY-APPROVED LIST. AUTHORITIES IN OHIO, KENTUCKY AND INDIANA SOUGHT THE FIVE FUGITIVES, BUT NONE WAS REPORTED SEEN.

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DIRECTOR

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SK MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ETAL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EFP. IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT DISTRIBUTION OF WANTED NOTICES THIS CASE SHOULD COVER ENTIRE MAILING LIST IT WILL BE NECESSARY THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED WITH FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY ADDITIONAL NOTICES. EXPEDITE.

LOGAN

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|   | 450      | Copies I. O. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WIS, ETAL, FUGITIVES,<br>FHA, ETC. |
| (This copy must be signed and returned to the Chief Clerk's Office) |          |  |

Received the above mentioned supplies March 5 1943

Signed Kenneth Logan  
KENNETH LOGAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 18, 1943

JAR:LM  
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Director, FBI

Att'n: Technical Laboratory

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al,  
FUGITIVES  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

On February 16, 1943, Doctor CLOYCE WILSON, of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was kidnaped by Subjects HARRY BEVER, with aliases, FBI #2413512, WILLIAM NATYAY, with aliases, FBI #911692, and SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FBI #1486280. Doctor WILSON was tied with wire and left in the basement of a vacant house in Cincinnati after the Subjects had overpowered him and stolen his automobile.

An air mail special delivery letter postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, at 12:30 PM, addressed to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, was received by Mrs. WILSON in Cincinnati at about 9:00 PM on February 17, 1943. The contents of this letter are as follows: "Doctor is in a corner vacant house on Winslow and Crown Streets tied up in the basement," and the letter bore a diagram showing the location of the house where Doctor WILSON was left tied up. There were also the additional words "Winslow and Crown Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio."

On February 18, 1943, an air mail special delivery letter was received by the Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked February 17, 1943, 12:30 PM, at Louisville, Kentucky, which letter is as follows: "Man tied up in a house on corner of Crown and Winslow, Cincinnati, Ohio, in basement." The letter also bore a diagram of a square block designating the house bordering on Crown Street and Winslow, from William Taft Road to the back of the house.

It is desired that the Technical Laboratory chemically treat the enclosed letters and envelopes for latent fingerprints, and to compare the handwriting contained thereon with the handwriting of the three subjects as it appears on their fingerprint cards.

The first letter received by Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON was only handled by her and her daughter, along with postal employees. However, in

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the case of the second letter it should be noted that it was handled by numerous police officers, and the possibility of latent prints is negative.

It is desired that the envelopes and letters be preserved and returned to the Cincinnati Field Division after appropriate examinations have been made.

Very truly yours

A. H. BELMONT, SAC

Enclosures

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-229**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>                        | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-10-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERALD C. SNEIL</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUG., I. O. 1869, et al.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa, and Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, interviewed with negative results regarding subject BEVER's whereabouts. 30 day mail cover placed on both.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file #76-9296.  
Report of SA HERBERT E. DOLIFRASS, El Paso, Texas, dated 3-4-43.

**DETAILS:** This investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM E. MITCHELL and the reporting agent.

**AT NEWTON, IOWA:**

Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, was contacted at her place of employment, the Pettit Cleaners, and she requested the agents to accompany her to her residence at 212 East Third Street, where she could be interviewed privately and also where she requested the agents to search her premises to be absolutely sure that BEVER was not at that address.

With Mrs. DOWNING'S permission, the agents did make a thorough search of the residence, and failed to locate BEVER, or any evidence that might indicate that BEVER had been there recently.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that approximately four years ago, subject BEVER and his wife had been to her residence in Newton, and had stayed for a period of two or three days.

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She further stated that approximately two years ago, the subject stopped at her residence for a few minutes as he was passing through Newton. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject, and she stated that in view of present circumstances, she doubted very much if he would try to contact her in any way.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that she was well aware of Federal Harboring Statutes, and should he put in an appearance at her place, she would immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Mrs. EREDA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, was interviewed, at which time she advised that the last time she saw subject BEVER was on a Saturday night some time in the year of 1939, at which time BEVER had stopped over for one night on his way through Des Moines. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject since he has gotten into trouble.

Mrs. ISAACS advised that she was familiar with the subject's present circumstances, and has been expecting a call before this from the F.B.I. She requested that the agents make a thorough search of her home to make sure that BEVER was not residing there, which was accordingly done by the agents, and no evidence was found that might indicate that he has been at that place recently. Mrs. ISAACS advised that should BEVER make an appearance at her home, or should she learn of his whereabouts, she would immediately contact the Des Moines Field Division.

By letters dated March 22, 1943, thirty day mail covers were requested to be placed against all mail coming to the addresses of 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will report the results of the thirty day mail covers placed in Des Moines and Newton.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Origin: CINCINNATI, OHIO

File No. 76-354

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| Report Made At<br>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA               | Date Made<br>3/12/43 | Period Made<br>2/13, 18-20,<br>25-27/43 | Report Made By<br>WILLIAM R. KENNEDY (SEA) /DM               |
| Title<br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br>ET AL |                      |   | Character<br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

**Synopsis of Facts:** Radio messages relative to instant escape broadcast over Indiana State Police and Indianapolis Police radio systems. ~~LESLIE EVERETT KINNETT~~ advises subject CLARENCE PARSONS wrote him for a monetary loan, which he did not make. PARSONS' sisters GOLDIE and RUTH are sisters-in-law of KINNETT, having married CLIFFORD and JAMES KINNETT respectively. Sisters are of a type who will aid and comfort escapees. Investigation in the vicinity of Lawrenceburg, and Madison, Indiana, negative regarding any recently stolen automobiles or license plates. Detective DON WIMM, of the Indiana State Police, advises telephonic attempts made to contact BEN SIMON at Scottsburg, Indiana, and instant call completed to his son BILLY SIMON at Scottsburg Grade School. Call thought to have been made at insistence of subject BEVER, who was a brother-in-law by a former marriage. Attempts to trace phone call negative. SIMON is cooperative, and Indiana State Police have set-up with SIMON in case subject BEVER should attempt contact. Information concerning a Buick maroon sedan, bearing Indiana registration number 907-210 set out.

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**References:** Teletype from Cincinnati to the Director and all SACs dated February 13, 1943.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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| Approved: <i>J. M. Lapey</i> SAC   | Do Not Write In These Spaces |          |
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Bureau letter to all SACs dated February 12, 1943. (Bureau file number 91-3481)

Teletype from Cincinnati to the Director and all SACs dated February 17, 1943.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated at Cincinnati, Ohio February 22, 1943.

Teletype from Louisville to the Director and SACs at Kansas City, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis, dated February 27, 1943.

Details: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

On February 13, 1943, Captain WALTER ECKERT, of the Indiana State Police, a graduate of the FBI National Police Academy, was contacted, and he advised that State radio messages over the entire system of the Indiana State Police were broadcast relative to the instant jail break at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on several occasions since the escape on February 12, 1943 at approximately 6:15 P.M.

From the records of the Radio Room of the Indiana State Police, he advised that the first message was broadcast at approximately 6:45 P.M. the same day of the escape. Captain ECKERT further advised that the names and all aliases and complete descriptions of all the escaped subjects were being re-broadcast as of this date.

On February 13, 1943, Inspector ROBERT L. BATTIS, in charge of the Indianapolis Police Radio System, advised that the Indianapolis Police Department radio has re-broadcast the same message as went out over the Indiana State Police radio system, and will also re-broadcast the complete descriptions, names, and aliases of the escaped subjects as of this date.

At Fort Benjamin Harrison, Corporal C. W. DEAN, of the 729th Military Police Company, advised that Private LESLIE E. KINETT, serial number 35392645, was presently assigned to the Indianapolis Train Detail, and could be located at the Indianapolis downtown Y.M.C.A.

On February 13, 1943, Private LESLIE E. KINETT, of the 729th Military Police Company, was located at the Union Station, Indianapolis, Indiana, at which time he was interviewed regarding his knowledge of subject CLARENCE PARSONS. Private KINETT stated that he first became acquainted with subject CLARENCE PARSONS when the PARSON family lived in a house boat on the Ohio River

south of Aurora, Indiana. KINNETT stated that he had known the PARSONS family from the time he was a boy, but had become better acquainted with CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, since his brother, CLIFFORD KINNETT, married GOLDIE PARSONS, and his brother, JAMES KINNETT, married RUTH PARSONS. KINNETT further advised that his brother CLIFFORD, who married the PARSONS boys' sister GOLDIE, works at the Finney Creosote Plant on Briar Road near North Bend, Ohio. KINNETT further advised that he formerly made his home with his brother CLIFFORD, and that during this time, both of the PARSONS subjects made innumerable visits to their sister and brother-in-law's home.

KINNETT advised that he made his home with his brother CLIFFORD for approximately four months during the year 1936, and it was during this time that he became acquainted with the PARSONS subjects. KINNETT further advised that his brother JAMES had married RUTH PARSONS, and presently lives at Addyston, Ohio, and his brother is employed by the Raymond City Coal Yard at North Bend, Ohio.

The informant further advised that he has not seen CLARENCE PARSONS since subject PARSONS deserted from the United States Army during the summer of 1941, at which time this informant tried to influence the subject in returning to the Army. He further advised that he saw subject ARTHUR PARSONS at the same time, and that the brothers were together and stated that they had both deserted the United States Army, and he tried to influence both brothers in returning. KINNETT further advised that the PARSONS brothers were always together and inseparable.

KINNETT related that approximately two months ago he had received a letter from subject CLARENCE PARSONS asking him for a two dollar loan, which the informant said that he never sent or answered the communication.

It should be noted at this time that KINNETT was highly nervous during the interview, and was continually asking the reason for seeking the information; and when told about the escape at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, of the PARSONS brothers and the other subjects, KINNETT advised that he had no knowledge of the escape; that since he has been assigned to the Indianapolis Train Detail, he has been continually riding trains and in his spare time tries to catch up on his much needed sleep.

The train schedule was displayed to the writer by Corporal A. W. SMITH, of the 729th Military Police Company C, which disclosed the following. On February 12, 1943, Private KINNETT left Indianapolis on Pennsylvania Railroad train #319 for Chicago at 3:45 P.M., and same arrived in Chicago at 8:03 P.M.; that Private KINNETT left Chicago on Pennsylvania Railroad train #306 at 11:30 P.M., arriving in Indianapolis on February 13, 1943 at approximately 4:20 A.M.

After Private KINNETT was informed of the escape, he seemed very cooperative, and stated that he would do all possible to assist in the apprehension in case he should be contacted at any time. He stated the PARSONS are a "bunch of bad eggs" and should not be loose on society. Private KINNETT advised that in case he should be contacted enroute on his train detail by either of the PARSONS subjects, he would immediately notify the closest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the closest police department in the vicinity of the contact.

Private KINNETT further advised that the PARSONS brothers have a sister who he believes married and lives in New York City by the name of CHARCHESTER. KINNETT further advised that the PARSONS subjects' mother resides with two daughters at Parkersburg, West Virginia; that a sister, VIRGINIA, also lives with Mrs. RUTH KINNETT at Addyston, Ohio.

On February 13, 1943, the Indianapolis Field Division by teletype furnished the Cincinnati Field Division with the information received from Private KINNETT.

AT AURORA, INDIANA.

The following investigations were conducted in accordance with Bureau letter to all SACs dated February 12, 1943, Bureau file number 91-3481, wherein it states that the photographs of the subjects of instant case should be exhibited in accordance with instructions contained in report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTEAY, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1942.

The following investigations were also conducted in view of the modus operandi used by the subjects at Cincinnati, Ohio, prior to the robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942.

HUBERT B. MAINES, Aurora, Indiana, Chief of Police, was contacted, at which time he was informed of the activities of the subjects and the possibility that they may land in and around Aurora, and that he should be constantly on the alert for any stolen automobiles or stolen license plates, as the subjects probably will resort to this to further their escape. Chief MAINES advised that they had had no reports of stolen cars or license plates, but that if such should happen, he will immediately notify the Indianapolis Field Division.

AT LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA.

Chief EMIL J. ARMBRUSTER, Chief of Police at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, patrolman, were contacted, and were advised of



the facts of the escape and the fact that when the three subjects were apprehended in St. Paul, Minnesota, they had a set of Indiana license plates which were stolen in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and were requested to be on the alert for any stolen cars or plates with the belief that the subjects may return to Lawrenceburg to repeat their mission.

At the Dearborn County Sheriff's office, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, MATHEW CORRELLION, acting sheriff, ROBERT GRUBBS, deputy sheriff, and HUBERT PERLMER, patrolman of the Indiana State Police Department, were contacted relative to any reports of stolen cars or license plates in the vicinity of Dearborn County with negative results. They too were advised of the modus operandi of the bank robber subjects, used in the robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, and were requested to be on the alert for any stolen cars or license plates in that vicinity.

The same investigation was conducted at the Ripley County Sheriff's office at Versailles, Indiana, at the Ohio County Sheriff's office at Rising Sun, Indiana, at the Switzerland County Sheriff's office at Vevay, Indiana, and at the Madison, Indiana, Police Department.

#### AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

A review of the file of the Indianapolis Field Division reflects memorandum for the file submitted by Special Agent ELISS MORTON to the effect that about 4:00 P.M. on February 19, 1943, Special Agent GREENSHAIN of the Cincinnati Field Division telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge J. M. LOPEZ, stating that the Cincinnati office had received information through the Cincinnati Police Department that DON WILK, Detective of the Indiana State Police at Seymour, had reported that BILLY SIMON, a boy at the Scottsburg Grade School, had received a mysterious telephone call, and that it was believed the person calling was calling for BEVER and endeavoring to locate the SIMON home. Special Employee Agent WILLIAM ROBERT KENNEDY was given this information by long distance telephone to Madison, Indiana, at 4:40 P.M., February 19, 1943, by Special Agent MORTON.

#### AT SEYMOUR, INDIANA.

On February 20, 1943, Detective DON WILK, of the Indiana State Police assigned to the Seymour Post, was contacted by the writer, at which time he advised the writer that Officer BLUM, Unit #61 of the Indiana State Police, received information from BEN F. SIMON, Rural Route #1, Scottsburg, Indiana, that his wife is a sister of the wife of subject HARRY RALPH BEVER, one of the escapees from the Hamilton County Jail, at Cincinnati, Ohio. SIMON also related to Officer BLUM that he knew subject BEVER very well and had been on several

trips with him to California and various parts of the United States, and that BEVER would probably come to his home if he were in this part of the country.

Mr. SIMON lives on the east side of U. S. Route #31, the first house north of the Lone Star Tourist Camp. He requested that officers patrolling U. S. Route #31 observe cars parked at his home; and if they saw any cars there out side of a 1940, cream colored DeSoto coach bearing Indiana license 707-826, or a 1939 maroon Chevrolet club coupe bearing Indiana license 334-064, to stop and check as BEVER would probably be there. SIMON works at Charlestown, and can be contacted at his home after 6:00 P.M.

A copy of the investigative report as submitted by Detective WINN is being set out:

"On February 16, 1943, I contacted Mrs. BEN F. SIMON, at Scottsburg, with reference to complaint that HARRY RALPH BEVER was formerly her brother-in-law and that he may attempt to contact her and husband in Scottsburg.

"Mrs. SIMON said that she read in the paper about the escape and she wrote a letter to her sister in Kansas City, Missouri, notifying her of the fact, as she thought BEVER may attempt to see her and force her to leave with him. Although they have been divorced for over a year.

"Mrs. SIMON said the last time she and her husband saw BEVER, was about a year ago when he visited her and Mr. SIMON in Charlestown, Ind. for a period of two days and then returned to Kansas City, Missouri. The SIMON family was living at the time at the home of Mr. HERBERT ROSS, one and one-half miles east of Charlestown, and Mr. SIMON was employed on construction at DuPont.

"Mrs. SIMON said BEVER enlisted in the Army and had been stationed in Texas and Georgia, and had deserted the Army about 6 months ago. She further stated that BEVER had worked as a cook at Martin's Cafe, on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, and his last work in Kansas City was a bell hop. Drove truck for Swift Packing Co., Miami, Florida from Nov. 1940 to March 1st, 1941.

"BEVER was described by Mrs. SIMON as 28 years, (looks older), 5'10", 170 lbs, red hair, teeth good (gold crown upper), has a large mouth, likes crowds, drinks and is very boisterous.

"On February 17, 1943, Mrs. SIMON contacted Officer CURRY

#210, and advised him that her 11 year old son WILLIAM (BILLY) SIMON had received a long distance phone call at the Scottsburg Grade School, but did not know who had called or where the call originated, but was suspicious it may have been from BEVER.

"Officer CERRY questioned the boy and he told him the following story:

"About 1:00 P.M. on the afternoon of February 17, 1943, he was called to the phone by Mr. KENNEDY who is the Principal of the Grade School. The operator asked him if he was BILLY SIMON and he said yes, and then she said, hold the line, a call from a town he did not remember the name, then he thought it was the operator who talked to him as it was a woman's voice.

"She asked him where he lived, and he said, on the highway north of Scottsburg, then asked him what highway and he said #31. Then she wanted to know if there was a phone close to his home, and he said there was a phone at the Shady Brook, a restaurant about one fourth mile south. Then she asked him how he got to and from school, and he told her on the school bus.

"Officer CERRY checked with the operator in Scottsburg, and she verified the fact that a call had been placed but did not know where it originated as they do not keep a record of incoming calls.

"The operator also told Officer CERRY that the long distance operator first asked if SIMONS had a phone and when she advised her they did not, she then said to call the Grade School and ask for BILLY SIMON.

"On the night of February 17, Det. VANCE #319, Officer CERRY #210, Officer BLUM #86 and myself watched the home all night, but no contacts were attempted.

"On February 18, I contacted Mrs. SIMON, and her son BILLY at the Grade School, also the Principal.

"BILLY told me the same story but still was unable to remember the town the call came from but remembered the operator said, Indiana.

"On the night of February 18, I called Charlestown Post and requested contact with Mr. HERBERT ROSS and determined if he had

received a call asking where the SIMON family had moved to, also if anyone had come there in person.

"Report received from the Charlestown Post was that Mr. ROSS had not been contacted but would advise the Post at once if he was."

"On the night of February 18, Det. VANCE and myself again watched the home of SIMON's, and no contact was attempted."

The original of Detective WINN's report is being retained in the file of the Indianapolis Field Division.

Detective WINN asked the writer if subject BEVER was in any way connected with a BUDDY O'DELL, who Mrs. SIMON stated that BEVER corresponded with while he was in some penal institution while BEVER and Mr. and Mrs. SIMON were in Miami, Florida last year.

A review of the file of the Indianapolis Field Division reflects an undeveloped lead for the Albany Field Division in the report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTRAY, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1942, wherein it was requested that the Albany Field Division ascertain what institution in which BUDDY O'DELL was confined.

By teletype dated February 23, 1943, the Albany Field Division was requested to furnish to the Indianapolis Field Division the present whereabouts of subject BUDDY O'DELL. Was requested in the undeveloped lead for your field division in the report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTRAY dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1942, in the case entitled SAMUEL RICHARDS, was, ET AL, FUGITIVE, Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942. Of O'DELL at liberty, furnish full length photos to this office AMSD".

By teletype dated February 25, 1943, the Albany Field Division furnished the information requested as follows:

"RECORDS MY STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTION REFLECT HARRY ROBERT ODELL, AKA'S EVD ODELL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT THREE ONE NINE THREE, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH BUDDY ODELL, SENTENCED OCTOBER TWENTYSIX LAST TO SERVE FROM FIFTEEN TO SIXTY YEARS ATTICA PRISON, ATTICA, NY FOR FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY. NO PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE ALBANY."

Detective WINN further advised that at the Bell Telephone Company at Scottsburg, Indiana, he attempted to trace the phone call made to BILLY SIMON with negative results.

Detective WINE further advised that in his interview with BILLY SIMON the only thing that BILLY could recall was that the telephone call came from a town which started with a "C", and he believed from Kansas. However, in view of the fact that Covington, being in Kentucky, and Louisville being close by, a teletype was sent to the Cincinnati and Louisville Divisions requesting efforts to trace the telephone call from Covington and Louisville. All efforts to trace the call were fruitless.

A review of the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, reflected on page #10 the arrest of subject BEVER by the Terre Haute Police Department.

Chief of Detectives JAMES A. MITCHELL was telephonically contacted, and advised that under number 13096 RALPH BEVER was arrested on September 23, 1942. The facts surrounding this arrest, according to the Detective Chief, are as follows:

On September 23, 1942, one JOSEPH C. SIMMONS, of 1118 Madison Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was an over night guest at a local hotel at Terre Haute, who had been in a tavern and became acquainted with RALPH BEVER. During the course of the conversation, BEVER told him that he was a deserter from the United States Army. SIMMONS, having been a veteran of World War I, took BEVER to his hotel room, where he allowed him to bathe, and then brought him over to the Terre Haute Police Department. Detective MITCHELL advised that at that time BEVER had given his address as 105 West Washington Street, Attica, Indiana. MITCHELL advised that the Army authorities at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, were notified of BEVER's incarceration, and he was held and turned over to the Army authorities on September 24, 1942.

#### AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA.

Detective H. H. FRED and Sergeant HEDBERG, of the Lafayette Post of the Indiana State Police, advised from their records that subject RALPH BEVER, of 105 West Washington Street, Attica, Indiana, is not identical with subject BEVER of the escapees from the Hamilton County Jail at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The records of the Indiana State Police at the Lafayette Post disclose that RALPH BEVER, male, white, FBI #1092117, is 5'7" tall, 153 1/2 pounds, medium build, brown hair, born at Attica, Indiana, on April 21, 1915. His mother, PEARL BEVER, resides at 704 South Perry Street, Attica, Indiana, and his father is deceased. He was arrested at Attica, Indiana, October 21, 1937, for second degree burglary, and was sentenced to serve from two to five years in the Indiana State Reformatory. The fingerprint classification of RALPH A. BEVER as reflected by the fingerprint card of the Indiana State Police is as

follows:

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L I C 000 14

AT ATTICA, INDIANA.

CHESTER COOPER, Chief of Police, Attica, Indiana, advised that RALPH A. BEVERS, who is presently in the United States Army, formerly lived with his sister, Mrs. MABEL K. JONES at 105 West Washington Street, Attica, Indiana. Chief COOPER advised that BEVERS has been a local boy all of his life, and he does not believe that he has been any farther away than Terre Haute until he entered the United States Army. Chief COOPER further advised that RALPH A. BEVERS has at times taken epileptic fits.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

On February 27, 1943, Assistant SAC GREEN of the Louisville Office telephonically furnished the following information.

Word had been received that the fugitives in this case had been encountered in Kansas City on the previous evening but had avoided apprehension, although the stolen automobile which they had been using at the time had been wrecked. In the wrecked automobile were found several items to definitely identify the fugitives, one of which included an X-ray photograph of a fractured heel.

The Louisville Division had ascertained this photograph had been made by a doctor in Louisville, Kentucky, who identified his patient as RADKAY. RADKAY, in visiting the doctor, had furnished his correct date and place of birth. He also furnished an address in Louisville, Kentucky. A surveillance of this address in Louisville had disclosed a Buick maroon sedan bearing Indiana license 907-310, parked in front of the premises. The Louisville Division desired information concerning the owner of this automobile, inasmuch as it had possibly recently been stolen by the subjects.

The Motor Vehicle Bureau advised that instant Indiana registration had been issued to EUGENE V. KENNEDY, 1118 South 2nd Street, Lafayette, Indiana, for a 1943 Buick town sedan. There was no report of this car being stolen.

The State Police also conducted a very discreet investigation at Lafayette, Indiana, concerning the owner of this car, and determined EUGENE VIRGIL KENNEDY, whose family presently resides at 2213 North 19th Street, Lafa-

ette, Indiana, is the owner. KENNEDY formerly worked at the Vigo Ordnance Plant, Terre Haute, Indiana, and later as a steam fitter at the Peru Naval Base, Peru, Indiana, on December 17, 1942. His criminal record showed a vagrancy charge against him in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1941. Approximately two weeks ago he left Lafayette for Louisville, Kentucky, to obtain work in a defense plant, and is presently residing at 1003 South First Street, Louisville, Kentucky. His family plans to join him soon and will move to 1213 South First Street, Louisville, within two weeks. The police stated KENNEDY had a good reputation insofar as they know. He is described as follows:

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| Age    | 21 years   |
| Height | 6 feet     |
| Weight | 165 pounds |

The above information was telephonically furnished Assistant SAC GEBBEN at Louisville. At the same time, Mr. GEBBEN advised that the address 1003 South First Street was in the same block as the address given by RADKAY to the Louisville doctor.

On March 3, 1943, the Indianapolis Field Division was in receipt of a teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division advising of the apprehension of subjects RICKETS and RADKAY at Kansas City, Missouri, as of this date. This information was given to Detective WILK of the Indiana State Police by the writer in view of the fact that subject BEVER, being the only subject which has not as yet been apprehended, it is more logical than ever that he should now attempt to contact his former brother-in-law and sister-in-law at Scottsburg, Indiana.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Secottsburg, Indiana.

Will keep in close contact with Detective DON WILHE, of the Indiana State Police, attached to the Seymour Post, relative to any contacts being made by subject BEVER with the SINCH family.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 19, 1943

76-964  
HLS:LVP

Director, F.B.I.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. - FUGITIVE, et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Immediately after WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY and SAMUEL RICKETTS were sentenced in the United States District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, they were interviewed separately by Special Agents R. B. MILLER and H. L. SCOTT, who were here as witnesses from the Kansas City Office.

RICKETTS stated in reference to BEVER that he firmly believed BEVER was in St. Louis, Missouri, and based this on the fact that they had an agreement between the three of them that in the event they became separated an ad would be run in the personal column of any one of the St. Louis papers reading as follows:

DEFERRED REPLY

"Your old kepper wants to get in touch with you.

/s/ L.S."

He said that this ad was to be run consecutively for three days, then skipped one day, and run for five more days consecutively, and that the one reading this ad would know that contact was to be had with the others or other at the main entrance of the St. Louis Post Office. The plan was for the one or ones reading the ad to go to this place at 9:00 P.M., wait five minutes, and if not contacted to leave and do the same thing on future nights until contact was established. RICKETTS was asked why he still believed this ad would work and he said that if BEVER read the ad he would believe that he (RICKETTS) had arranged somehow for someone to contact him (BEVER).

Continuing, RICKETTS said that BEVER had met a girl who is a sales lady in Bonds Store located on the northwest corner across from the Statler Hotel. He said that this girl works at the men's haberdashery counter and

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that BEVER had bought from her shirts, shorts and socks. In this way he made friends with her and later took her out on at least one occasion. BEVER had said that should he get "hot" he thought in view of the fact that this woman had an apartment and was single that it would afford him a good hide-out, or words to that effect. RICKETTS said that in the event BEVER did not make contact with this girl he still believed he would be in St. Louis staying in some cheap hotel. He described this girl as follows:

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| Age:             | About 28  |
| Height:          | 5' 3"   |
| Weight:          | 118 to 120 Lbs.   |
| Hair:            | Brunette  |
| Dress:           | Neat dresser  |
| Characteristics: | Wears diamond ring weighing about one karat on finger of left hand. |
| Marital Status:  | Single  |

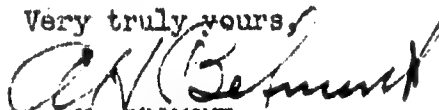
RICKETTS advised further that he did not believe BEVER would work, but that he would maintain himself by small stick-ups such as grocery stores, taxi cab drivers, or such. RICKETTS said that he had previously made mention of and it had been discussed that a good way to get by would be to secure soldiers' uniforms. He said that they had intended to do so and that possibly BEVER was wearing one at this time. RICKETTS also stated that in the event BEVER did not dress in this fashion he had discussed wearing and would probably be found in workman's clothes and in possession of a defense worker's identification button. He advised that BEVER had said he intended to dye his hair black, cut down his eyebrows, which are bushy - likewise dye them - and have the gold tooth replaced with a white one.

In St. Louis and at the time BEVER contacted the woman in Bonds Store he was using the name of LARRY DUGAN, insofar as RICKETTS can recall. RICKETTS stated that he did not believe BEVER was in Kansas City, Missouri and the only other place he thought he might possibly go, but he had no particular reason for believing this, was Dallas, Texas.

Continuing, RICKETTS said that BEVER could not stay "holed up"; that he liked to drink, that his favorite drink was whiskey, the brands being "Old Taylor" or "Old Quaker", and that he drank it straight, with a coca cola chaser.

Copies of this letter are indicated for the St. Louis office with the suggestion that that office, at such time as they believe appropriate, insert in the personal column of one of the St. Louis papers the ad as indicated by RICKETTS, and of course have someone at the main entrance to the post office from 9:00 P.M. to 9:05 P.M. It is further suggested that the St. Louis office make appropriate investigation concerning possible contact of BEVER with the sales lady at Bonds Store.

Very truly yours,

  
A. H. BELMONT  
SAC

CC: St. Louis  
Kansas City

76-9296-

March 17, 1943

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: Harry Ralph Devor, with aliases,  
Fugitives  
Escaped Federal Prisoners  
Federal Escape Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report  
dated \_\_\_\_\_, in connection with ~~the~~ above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following  
specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been  
made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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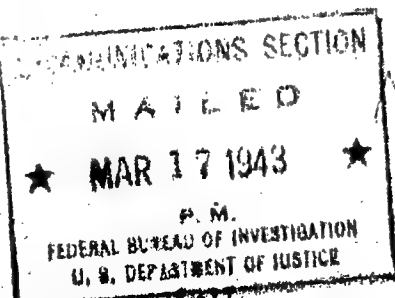
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-443**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/2/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>12/1/42; 1/2, 15, 24/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERLAD C. SNELL</b>  |
| TITLE <b>SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases; HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases; AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, 10/31/42</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>SELECTIVE SERVICE<br/>FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT</b> |


**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** BOB WRIGHT and JAMES MURPHY occupied Room #611, Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, 11/20/42. Photographs of Subjects from Escape Wanted Notice displayed to hotel clerk with negative results as to identity. Iowa License Plates #27-17 and #27-2891 both stolen in Iowa on or about 11/5/42.

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**REFERENCE:** Teletype to St. Paul Field Division, 12/1/42.  
Report of SEA KERMIT L. WESTBAY, St. Paul, Minn., 12/14/42.  
Report of SA JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1/11/43.

**DETAILS:** AT DES MOINES, IOWA ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

On December 1, 1942, Special Agent WILLIAM A. BUCKLES interviewed Mr. L. A. WILKINSON, Manager of the Brown Hotel, at which time Mr. WILKINSON made a thorough search of his records, but could find nothing under the date of November 19, 1942, that would indicate that the suspects had registered at that Hotel. The records reflected that on November 20, 1942, four men checked in at the Hotel at 8:20 P.M. Two of the men registered as "JIM LOBLAK and Friend", from Chicago, Illinois, and occupied Room #611. The other two who registered were "Mr. M. H. DOMONSKI and Party", who occupied Room #616, listing their address as Evanston, Illinois. The record further shows that these four men checked out of the Brown Hotel at 6:13 P.M. on November 21, 1942. The Hotel records do not list any information relative to car storage. Mr. WILKINSON stated that it was his belief that these four men could possibly be the parties in whom we were interested. However, he would be unable to give any description or furnish any other information concerning them.

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Mr. WILKINSON advised that two men had stayed in Room #611 on November 20, 1942, who had listed their names as BOB WRIGHT, 220 South 8th Street, Omaha, Nebraska; and JAMES MURPHY, 1414 South 23rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska. He stated that the record further shows that these two men checked in the room at 10:04 A.M., and checked out at 5:00 P.M. the same date.

An investigation was conducted at the Brown Garage, which handles cars for the Brown Hotel. However, only negative information was obtained regarding any possibilities of the suspects' parking their car in that Garage.

By teletype dated December 1, 1942, the St. Paul Field Division was advised of the information set out above.

On January 2, 1943, the Reporting Agent contacted Mr. C. T. CLEMONS of the Iowa State Automobile License Bureau, at which time Mr. CLEMONS advised that 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-17 was issued to Dr. S. C. BARROWS of Lamoni, Iowa, for a 1937 Chrysler Royal Automobile. He further stated that his records showed that this license plate had been stolen on or about November 7, 1942, and had been reported by the Sheriff's Office at Leon, Iowa. In regard to 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-2891, Mr. CLEMONS stated that it was issued to LEVI VIRDEN of Leon, Iowa, for a 1940 Hudson Coupe. He stated that his records showed that this license had been stolen on or about November 6, 1942, and had been reported by the Sheriff's Office at Leon, Iowa.

#### AT LEON, IOWA

On January 15, 1943, Special Agent HYRUM R. STERLING contacted Sheriff HERMAN HAMILTON. Sheriff HAMILTON advised that 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-17 had been stolen from the automobile of Dr. S. C. BARROWS at Lamoni, Iowa, in front of the Doctor's residence, and from all indications had been stolen on the evening of November 5, 1942. He also stated that 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-2891 had been stolen from the automobile of LEVI VIRDEN in front of Mr. VIRDEN's residence in Leon, Iowa. He stated that this latter license plate was stolen on November 6 or November 7. The Sheriff advised that he had made quite an extensive inquiry regarding the thefts of both license plates. However, he was unable to ascertain any possible suspects who might have stolen the license plates.

On February 23, 1943, the Reporting Agent contacted Mr. L. A. WILKINSON, Manager of the Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. WILKINSON produced the registration cards of JAMES MURPHY and BOB WRIGHT, which are listed under Card Numbers 1031 and 1032. These cards reflect that both of these individuals registered at the Hotel at 10:04 A.M. on November 20, 1942, and checked out of the Hotel at 5:05 P.M. the same date. Mr. WILKINSON advised that there was no record whatsoever of either of these individuals' making any telephone calls from the Hotel. Mr. WILKINSON stated that the only person who is presently

employed by the Hotel who could possibly make an identification of these two persons was the night clerk, FRANK MELL.

Mr. FRANK MELL was interviewed by the Reporting Agent, at which time Mr. MELL advised that he did remember the two persons who checked into their Hotel on November 20, 1942, and likewise checked out the same evening. The photographs of Subjects, RICKETTS, RADKAY and BEVER, which appeared in the recent F.B.I. Escape Wanted Notice, were displayed to Mr. MELL. He advised that he was unable to make any identification from these photographs. He further stated that it has been so long ago that they stayed at the Hotel that he would be unable to give any accurate description of them.

The Wanted Notice Circular was left with the Hotel Manager and clerks for their use in the event that any of the Subjects might attempt to return to Des Moines and possibly check in at their Hotel. Mr. WILKINSON advised that should they return to his Hotel, he would give them a room and immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division of their whereabouts.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Will check the addresses at 1414 South 23rd Street, and 220 South 8th Street, in an attempt to ascertain if the Subjects are, or might have been, hiding out at such addresses. It is to be noted here that Subjects RICKETTS, RADKAY, and BEVER are Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1942, and complaint was filed against them on February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with the violation of the Federal Escape Act.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **91-457**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>                                  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-11-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-26, 27, 28;<br/>2-1, 2, 3, 4, 5-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWARD M. WETTON</b> <span style="float: right;">alp</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias, I.O. #1869,<br/>Real - FUGITIVES</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Trooper **GLENN H. BURTON**, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirkwood, Missouri, interviewed with negative results as to unknown General Motors car which he spotted and gave chase to at 5:00 A.M., February 27, 1943, in Saint Louis County, Missouri. Spot checks through Saint Louis County negative. Local law enforcement agencies put on notice for wanted car and fugitives; wanted notices subsequently removed with local law enforcement agencies on all subjects and stolen 1940 Pontiac Coupe, Motor #6-737656, bearing 1942 Missouri license plates #728-902, except all data and description of fugitive **HARRY RALPH BEVER**, still at large.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated January 11, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated February 22, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Teletype from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division dated February 26, 1943.  
 Telephone call from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division February 27, 1943.  
 Telephone call from Saint Louis Field Division to Kansas City Field Division February 27, 1943.  
 Teletype from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division dated March 1, 1943.  
 Teletype from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division dated March 2, 1943.  
 Bureau letter dated March 1, 1943.

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Teletype from the Bureau dated March 3, 1943.  
Teletype from Kansas City Field Division dated March 4, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON dated February 25, 1943,  
at Saint Louis, Missouri.

**DETAILS:** AT KENNEDY, MISSOURI

Reference is made to the teletype received from the Kansas City Field Division dated February 26, 1943, wherein the Saint Louis Field Division was requested to contact Mr. WILLIS L. WILLIAMS of 4310 Vista Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the theft of 1942 Missouri license plates, #453-818.

Reference is also made to referenced report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON dated February 25, 1943, at Saint Louis, Missouri, wherein it is stated that complete descriptions and circumstances surrounding the escape of the fugitives from the Hamilton County Jail in Cincinnati, along with pertinent facts pertaining to the subsequent theft of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON'S car had already been forwarded to the local law enforcement agencies, namely, the Saint Louis Police Department, the Saint Louis County Sheriff's Office, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Under date of February 27, 1943, Assistant Special Agent in Charge ROBERT L. MURPHY of the Kansas City Field Division telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge GERALD B. MORRIS of the Saint Louis Field Division that at the time of the subjects' escape at Kansas City on February 26, 1943, they were driving a 1938, eight-cylinder, Pontiac Coupe, color green, Motor #8-93142, Serial #37-2829, bearing 1942 Missouri license plates #453-818, with 1943 Missouri tag strip #457-028, which car was abandoned in Kansas City at the time of their escape. It was ascertained at Kansas City that the 1942 license plates, #453-818, was issued to one WILLIS L. WILLIAMS of 4310 Vista Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, for a 1937 Dodge Sedan, Motor #D-5-246851. The Kansas City Field Division further requested that an immediate check be made on the Missouri license issued to WILLIAMS to determine whether it had been stolen and whether WILLIAMS might have any connection with the subjects.

Special Agent JOHN S. BUSH of the Saint Louis Office was immediately assigned to this lead for the purpose of ascertaining the information for the Kansas City Field Division.

Mr. WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, who is a reputable employee of the Railway Express Agency, Saint Louis, and who resides at 4310 Vista Avenue, Saint Louis, was interviewed by Agent BUSH regarding the theft of his license plates, Missouri #453-818, and stated that his wife remembered seeing these plates on his car on Tuesday, February 23, 1943, but neither had noticed the plates thereafter and did not know they were missing until Friday night, February 26, 1943, when Saint Louis

policemen interviewed them and said the plates had been recovered in Kansas City. WILLIAMS had never seen any of the subjects and saw no suspicious individuals around his home. This car remains parked in front of the house at all times and the plates were no doubt stolen while it was parked there. This information was furnished to the Kansas City Field Division by telephone on February 27, 1943.

The reporting Agent contacted Captain T. E. WHITECOTTON and Trooper GLENN H. BURTON of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and he was advised by Trooper BURTON that about 5:00 A.M., February 27, 1943, the latter was sitting by himself in a State Patrol Car at an intersection in Kirkwood, Missouri, when he spotted what he believed to be a General Motors make of car, a light colored coupe, which in his estimation was driving through town at approximately seventy (70) miles an hour. Trooper BURTON stated that he immediately gave chase and pursued this car north on Lindbergh Highway which runs through Kirkwood, Missouri. He advised that this car, as it travelled north, attempted to turn at Highway 40 going east, but apparently could not make the turn and continued north until it reached Natural Bridge Road which runs east and west from Saint Louis through the county.

Trooper BURTON advised that his speedometer read about seventy-five (75) miles an hour and that the car in front of him was handled expertly and that apparently the driver had some knowledge of the roads in Saint Louis County in view of the fact that he attempted to turn into several county lanes. Trooper BURTON advised that he never at any time got within three hundred (300) yards of this automobile and for that reason he was never able to spot the license number.

Trooper BURTON advised that as they were nearing Olive Street Road, which is about four miles from Natural Bridge Road, it became apparent to the occupants of this car that he was closing in; Trooper BURTON advised that at this time it appeared to him that there was more than one occupant in the car and he believed, although he was not sure, that someone was sitting to the right of the driver; he was unable to tell whether anyone was sitting in the back seat.

Trooper BURTON stated that when this car reached the intersection, an overpass at Lindbergh and Natural Bridge Roads, the car turned right, that is, east through the wrong right-hand lane and continued east on Natural Bridge Road; Trooper BURTON advised that he tried to cut across the lawn into the right-hand lane at the intersection in an attempt to cut this car off but in doing so, knocked out his right front wheel and his car spun around into the right-hand lane; he advised that as his car stopped, he got out and at that time the unknown car was travelling east; he judged that it was about fifty (50) yards away from him when he fired one shot at it; he could not say whether he hit the car or not. He advised that no shots were fired by the occupants of this car at him. He stated that it was then about 5:13 A.M. and he immediately called the State Patrol. Captain WHITECOTTON advised that the Patrol immediately dispatched information to the Saint Louis Police Department as well as to the Saint Louis County Sheriff.

Captain WHITECOTTON advised that the Patrol had received only one notice from Kansas City concerning the fugitives and this was a radio broadcast from the Kansas City Police Department at 10:30 P.M. on February 26, 1943, but that they had no notice at any time that the fugitives would head back toward Saint Louis; Captain WHITECOTTON also advised the reporting Agent that he was particularly ruffled in view of the fact that these men had travelled all the way from Kansas City to Saint Louis without the Patrol spotting them somewhere between Kansas City and Saint Louis. Captain WHITECOTTON advised, however, that if these were the fugitives from Kansas City then they apparently hugged country roads until they hit Highway 50 and then apparently turned north on Highway 66, or Lindbergh Highway.

Agent also contacted Chief ECKHREITHER of the Saint Louis Police Department who advised that they had sounded alerts on Saturday and Sunday nights, that is, February 26 and 27, 1943; he also advised the Agent that this additional information received from the Kansas City Police Department was forwarded by bulletin and teletype to all precincts in the Saint Louis area and a teletype was likewise dispatched to the Saint Louis County police. Chief ECKHREITHER advised that contact was being made through the Saint Louis Police Department as well as through the Vice and Morality Squads and through all hotels, rooming houses, boarding houses, and tourist camps.

The reporting Agent on the same day contacted the Auto Theft Bureau, Saint Louis Police Department, and was advised by Mr. RUSSELL AMREIN, Clerk, that over the period from February 27 to February 28, inclusive, no abandoned cars were found within the Saint Louis Area.

Mr. AMREIN advised that this applied to the Saint Louis County Sheriff's Office also.

However, Mr. AMREIN advised that they did have a report on a two-tone green 1940 Buick Coupe, which had been stolen from a parking lot at Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue between 8:15 P.M., February 28, 1943, and 2:45 A.M., March 1, 1943. The ownership of this car was reflected to be in the name of Mr. LOUIS GEESER, 6332 Rosebury Avenue, Clayton, Missouri.

Agent immediately contacted Mr. LOUIS GEESER at his office at 1415 O'Fallon Avenue, who advised that he had attended the Chase Hotel in Saint Louis that night for dinner and had parked his car on this lot on Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue about 8:15 P.M. on February 28, 1943. He stated that when he returned to the lot he noticed his car was missing and he immediately reported it to the Police Department, which was about 3:00 A.M., March 1, 1943. Mr. GEESER advised that the car was unlocked and that he had \$50.00 in currency in the glove compartment of his car, which compartment was locked; he advised that no ration books were contained in the glove compartment of his car.

A check was made with Mr. ROBERT CADLE, Assistant Manager of the Chase Hotel, who advised that the parking lot at Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue is no longer attended by an attendant and that car owners park their cars there at their own risk. He stated that a car could very easily be stolen at an early morning hour since there is no one within the immediate vicinity of this lot who would see any auto theft. In view of the time element this car was stolen and in view of the referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division dated March 2, 1943, advising of the apprehension of RADKAY and RICKETTS at Kansas City, and the fact that subject, BEVER, was still at large and believed to be in the Kansas City vicinity, no attempts were made to investigate any further leads on this stolen car.

Agent contacted Sheriff ARNOLD J. WILLMAN'S Office and was advised that they had no record of any auto thefts over the weekend of February 27, 1943, and had no record of any cars being found, however, a check of their records revealed an auto license plate stolen from Mr. N. JOHN SWEHLA of 1182 Ursula Avenue, University City, Missouri, Missouri State License plate #470-025 with 1943 strip #535-855.

Agent immediately contacted Mrs. N. JOHN SWEHLA at their residence, 1182 Ursula Avenue, University City, Missouri, who advised that their car was definitely in the garage between 9:00 P.M. Friday, February 26th and 8:00 A.M. Saturday, February 27th; she stated that she and her husband noticed the plates missing when they went to market on Saturday afternoon, February 27th, and, in their estimation they believed the plates had been lost prior to February 26, 1943. In view of the time element in this lead, no further investigation was made concerning the stolen license plates of Mr. SWEHLA.

It was ascertained that the only tourist camp open in the northwest area of Saint Louis County would have been the Greater Saint Louis Tourist Camp, 6823 Easton Avenue, Saint Louis County, where a spot check was made with the owner without revealing the Agent's identity; pictures of the subjects were shown to the owner of the camp as furnished by the Bureau under date of March 1, 1943, however, he advised that he had never seen any of the men or the Pontiac Coupe and that no cars had entered his tourist camp since February 26, 1943.

Agent contacted the Assistant Manager of the Mobile Gas Station at Lucas and Hunt and Natural Bridge Roads, Mr. WILLARD SACHAU, who advised that no filling stations are open on Natural Bridge Road at 5:00 A.M. and that the nearest tourist camp in that vicinity is the Greater Saint Louis Tourist Camp, which had already been contacted by the Agent. Mr. SACHAU advised that there are a number of roads in Saint Louis County on which an automobile could travel without detection and as far as he knew there would be no filling stations open on Natural Bridge Road which would have observed a speeding car at that hour of the morning.

Under date of March 1, 1943, referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division furnished further information on the stolen car which the subjects might have obtained after their gun battle in Kansas City; the additional information in this teletype was furnished to the Saint Louis Police Department and to the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 8:30 A.M., March 2, 1943.

On March 2, 1943, the information contained in referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division dated March 2, 1943, was furnished to the Chief's Office, Saint Louis Police Department, at 5:25 P.M. and to Trooper DWIGHT LINBLEY, Missouri State Highway Patrol, at 5:30 P.M.

Referenced teletype from the Bureau dated March 3, 1943, instructed that investigation be discontinued on subjects, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY and SAMUEL RICKETTS, inasmuch as they had been apprehended at Kansas City, but that investigation should be continued on subject, HARRY RALPH BEVER, fugitive.

Referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division dated March 4, 1943, reflected that the Pontiac Coupe, Motor #6-737656, Missouri 1942 license plates #728-902, was recovered at Kansas City; accordingly the Missouri State Highway Patrol, through Sergeant H. BOSCH, was advised of this information. Captain MULCAHY of the Chief's Office, Saint Louis Police Department, was also notified of this information and Captain MULCAHY advised that both the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Saint Louis Police Department had been notified of this fact by a radio broadcast from the Kansas City Police Department.

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13 and February 22, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, wherein undeveloped leads were set out to auxiliary offices requesting a review of their files for the purpose of developing information which could be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subjects.

A review of the Saint Louis file in instant case reflects the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated January 11, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in which it is noted that under the information concerning SAMUEL RICKETTS, Page Four, a Mrs. RUTH HOLLOWAY, wife of GLENN HOLLOWAY, is residing in Saint Louis, Missouri, address unknown. Mrs. RUTH HOLLOWAY is allegedly the sister of SAMUEL RICKETTS.

A check was made through the Saint Louis City directory which reflected that a GLENN HOLLOWAY resided at 4140 Washington Boulevard, Apartment 310, Saint Louis, Missouri. Under pretext, Special Agents NORMAN V. STEVENS and the writer contacted the Manager of this apartment house and he advised that Mrs. HOLLOWAY and her husband, GLENN HOLLOWAY, had left that apartment about six months ago intending to return to Kansas City, Missouri, where he had been transferred to



another position with the Grennan Baking Company in Kansas City, Missouri. The Manager of the apartment house advised that Mr. HOLLOWAY had been working for the Grennan people in Saint Louis.

A further review of the file fails to reflect any information which could be used in setting out leads to other Field Divisions with regards to the apprehension of subject, HARRY RALPH BEVER.

Referenced report of EDWARD M. WETTON, Special Agent of the Saint Louis Field Office, dated February 25, 1943, reflects that Confidential Informants SL-16 and SL-17 have stated they would contact this Office immediately upon receipt of any information concerning the whereabouts of subject, HARRY RALPH BEVER, who is still at large.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 2, 1943

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
- FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find two sets of fingerprints of SAMUEL RICKETTS and WILLIAM RADKAY.

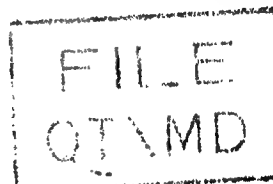
There are being transmitted for a search of the criminal files of the Identification Division and an immediate reply is requested.

Very truly yours

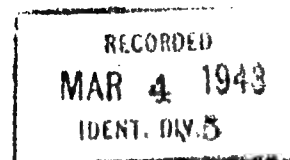
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
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U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We return herewith photograph of one ARTHUR PARSONS (negro) your no. 387274 and his criminal record; also criminal record of CLARENCE PARSONS, your no. 3040900.

The photographs and records in which we are interested are those of ARTHUR and CLARENCE PARSONS (white) now held at Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, charge of kidnapping.

Yours truly,

*James J. Bulger*  
JAMES J. BULGER

Inspector.

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| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS           | NAME AND NUMBER  | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE                                  | DISPOSITION          |
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| St. Louis, Mo.                        | William Carson,<br>#382274   | 12-14-37             | Rob.                                    | 2 yrs. 7 mos.        |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Wm. Carson, Mo., 1-2-37, into 1-11-37; 1-30-38, moved 15 mos. paroled. | 10-1-37              | armed robbery                           | 1-30-38              |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 6-3-31               | Rob.                                    | 6 mos. 1 yr. 7 mos.  |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 6-27-32              | armed Rob. det. det. charged to 1-30-38 | 90 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 12-21-32             | Rob.                                    | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 1-21-33              | Rob. (det.)                             | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 2-29-33              | Rob.                                    | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 2-25-34              | armed Rob. det. charged to 1-30-38      | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| Phila. Co. Prison<br>Helmetsburg, Pa. | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274  | 5-21-41              | armed Rob. 1-30-38                      | 18 mos. to 3 yrs.    |

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|                             | Buffalo, NY, 1-11-30, vic. person; 6 mos. prob.                      |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 1-14-30, vic. prob. dish.                               |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 7-1-30, vic. person; 1 yr. prob.                        |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 10-5-30, vic. prob.; prob. continued.                   |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 12-19-30, vic. prob.; 6 mos. pen.                       |                      |        |             |
|                             | (The above notations as appearing on print 27054).                   |                      |        |             |
|                             | 1931, Buffalo, NY, non-support; prob. 6 mos.                         |                      |        |             |
|                             | 1931, Buffalo, NY, non-support; prob. 6 mos., post \$500 bond.       |                      |        |             |
|                             | 1931, Buffalo, NY, non-supp. etc.; 6 mos. Erie Co. Pen.              |                      |        |             |
|                             | 11-12-32, Buffalo, NY, assault and bay.; 60 days Erie Co. Pen.       |                      |        |             |
|                             | As Arthur Parsons, 2-7-37, Eastern St. Pen., Phila., Pa.,            |                      |        |             |
|                             | 8-14-35, entering with intent to steal prop. 8-14-40, fiscal dish.   |                      |        |             |
|                             | (paroled 5-23-40).   |                      |        |             |
|                             | Arthur Parsons, A9207, Phila. Co. Pr., Holmesburg, Pa., 5-19-24,     |                      |        |             |
|                             | larc. from person, 6 mos., dish. 1-24-25.                            |                      |        |             |
|                             | Arthur Parsons, A9-132, Phila. Co. Pr., Holmesburg, Pa., 2-18-25,    |                      |        |             |
|                             | ent. with intent to steal, larc., 1 1/2 to 3 yrs., paroled 10-26-25. |                      |        |             |

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Director

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| <p>CC-Mr. James J. Bulger<br/>Inspector<br/>Amer. Express Co.<br/>65 Broadway<br/>New York, N. Y.</p> <p>Enclosure</p> | <p>A copy of the photograph of the above subject is attached hereto.</p> <p>The above individual may be identical with ARTHUR PARSONS,<br/>subject of your letter dated October 14, 1942, your #42-2952.</p> |                      |        |             |

CC-Mr. James J. Bulger  
Inspector  
Amer. Express Co.  
65 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

October 22, 1962

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| Prob. and Parole<br>Officer, Lawrence-<br>burg, Ky. | Clarence Parsons<br>#-- | 9-8-40               | wilful murder | verdict 2 yrs.<br>St. Ref., pro-<br>bated, period<br>5 yrs. |

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|   | <p>A search of the files of this Bureau fails to disclose a photograph of the above subject.</p> <p>The following is the description of this subject appearing on print #-- Prob. and Parole Off., Lawrenceburg, Ky. recd. 3-31-41:</p> <p>Color, white; sex, male; residence, Louisville, Ky; birthplace, Jefferson Co., Ky; nationality, Amer; age, 29 yrs; born 7-9-11; height, 5' 9"; complexion, light; hair, dark brown; weight, 145 pounds; eyes, blue; build, slender.</p> <p>The above individual may be identical with CLARENCE PARSONS, subject of your letter dated October 14, 1942, your #42-2059.</p> |                      |        |             |
| CC-Mr. James J. Bulger<br>Inspector<br>Amer. Express Co.<br>65 Broadway<br>NYC, NY. |  |                      |        |             |
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI

FILE NO. 76-585

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-4-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-1-43</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>HERBERT B. BOLLFRASS</b> <span style="float: right;">njs</span>  |
| TITLE<br><b>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>I.O. 1871; SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>I.O. 1870; HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>I.O. 1869</b>  |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR<br/>VEHICLE THEFT ACT; ESCAPED<br/>FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL<br/>ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">Pvt. ROBERT BEVER, brother of Subject BEVER interviewed. States that he has heard from brother only once since HARRY enlisted in Army and that letter was written from Hamilton County Jail in Jan., 1943. Denies having any knowledge of HARRY's plans or acquaintance with other Subjects of this case. Additional family background set out. ROBERT BEVER warned of possibilities of prosecution under Harboring Statute and he states that he will report any attempt of HARRY to contact him. Mail covers placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p>   |                                 |  |   |
| REFERENCE:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 13, 1943; Letter to the El Paso Field Division from the Cincinnati Office dated February 20, 1943.</p>  |                                 |  |   |
| DETAILS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Private ROBERT BEVER, Basic Training Squad, GRC, Kirtland Field, was interviewed at the above Field by reporting Agent. He stated that he had not heard from HARRY since HARRY enlisted in the Army in February, 1942, until January, 1943 when he had written him from the Hamilton County Jail. ROBERT said that this letter was in answer to a letter he had written his brother when his mother told him that HARRY was in jail, and that in the letter HARRY had not said anything about his future plans.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ROBERT stated that because of the six years difference in age he and HARRY had not associated much together and that he did not know the names of any of HARRY's close friends. He said that he did not know personally of any other Subjects in this</p> |                                 |  |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>S. H. Boyer</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |                                 | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">76-585-72</div> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; float: right;">RECORDED</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">MAR 17 1943</div> |   |
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case when Agent repeated these names to him.

When questioned as to the family background, he gave the names of relatives listed in the above referenced report, and in addition stated that the three sisters of his mother were fond of HARRY, but he did not believe that they would help HARRY. These three aunts are Mrs. NELL BAUMEL, street address unknown, Kansas City, Missouri; Miss DOROTHY DOWNING, Newton, Iowa and Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, Des Moines, Iowa.

ROY BEVER and GEORGE BEVER, who receive mail at Spickard, Missouri are also Uncles of HARRY BEVER and Mr. and Mrs. DAN GREEN, who receive mail at Mill Grove, Missouri are grandparents of Subject BEVER.

Reporting Agent advised ROBERT BEVER of the prosecutive action that could be taken against him in the event that he harbored HARRY BEVER or assisted him in any way. ROBERT volunteered his cooperation in the event that his brother contacted him and stated that he would advise the El Paso Office of any word received.

A mail cover on all mail received by ROBERT BEVER at Kirtland Field was placed with Lieutenant WOLF, S-2 Office, and a mail cover was also placed with the Albuquerque Post Office.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWTON, IOWA

Will contact Miss DOROTHY DOWING, aunt of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information she may have concerning him.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will contact Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, aunt of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information she may have concerning him.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will contact Mrs. NEIL BAUMEL, aunt of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information she may have concerning him.

AT SPICKARD, MISSOURI

Will contact ROY and GEORGE BEVER, uncles of Subject BEVER, for any information they may have concerning him.

AT MILL GROVE, MISSOURI

Will contact Mr. and Mrs. DAN GREEN, grandparents of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information they may have concerning him.

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Will report the results of mail covers placed with the S-2 Office at Kirtland Field and the results of mail covers placed at the Albuquerque Post Office.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

MILWAUKEE

FILE NO. 76-235

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</b>            | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/10/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2/24, 25, 26; 1943</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>DAVID P. EVANS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DPE:SJL</b></span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ET AL, FUGITIVES</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>              |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Milwaukee files reviewed without revealing any known relatives or associates of subjects to be interviewed in Milwaukee Field Office territory. Appropriate stops placed in Wisconsin on stolen car of DR. CLOYCE WILSON and on his stolen gasoline rationing books.

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**REFERENCES:**


Report of Special Agent John A. Reiter made at Cincinnati, Ohio, 2/13/43.

Teletype from Cincinnati Field Office to Director, Milwaukee, and other Field Offices dated 2/17/43.

**DETAILS:**

Pursuant to reference report, the Milwaukee Field Office file entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was, FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE; Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42, BANK ROBBERY, NMVTA, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT" was reviewed without revealing the name of any relative or associate of the subjects in the territory of the Milwaukee Field Office.

Pursuant to reference teletype, a letter has been directed to the Motor Vehicle Department

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |          |
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of the State of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wisconsin, asking that the Milwaukee Field Office be notified immediately in the event registration in Wisconsin is applied for on the stolen motor car of DR. CLOYCE WILSON of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. A request was also made for notification in the event application should be made in Wisconsin for an operator's license in the name of the subjects or their known aliases.

At the State of Wisconsin Rationing Headquarters, 161 West Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, there was discussed with MR. DON T. ALLEN, State Director, and MR. TOM FAIRCHILD of the Rationing Headquarters Legal Department the possibility of notifying all the gasoline rationing boards in the State of Wisconsin to watch for the presentation of the stolen gasoline rationing books of DR. WILSON. MR. ALLEN and MR. FAIRCHILD believe that such procedure would be practical, and are forthwith sending a special bulletin to each of the ninety-four gasoline rationing boards in the State of Wisconsin describing DR. WILSON's stolen car and rationing books, and requesting that in the event any such book is presented the State Headquarters be immediately advised by telephone. In such event, the advice would be immediately relayed to the Milwaukee Field Office.

The serial numbers of the stolen gasoline rationing books of DR. WILSON were supplied by teletype from the Cincinnati Field Office to the Milwaukee Field Office under date of 2/24/43, and were given to MR. FAIRCHILD for use in the above mentioned bulletin to all rationing boards as follows:

- 1 "A" Book - F-569279 AK
- 2 "C" Books - F-659031 U2  
                  F-659032 U2

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

NY FILE NO. **76-551** HBB

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8-5-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-14, 15, 17, 18, 25-43</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>MAX E. RICHARDSON</b>                                  |
| TITLE<br><b>WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>HARRY RALPH BEAVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE</b>   |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">Description of subjects broadcasted<br/>on eight state alarm and New York Police<br/>Department teletype system. <b>DEFERRED RECORDING</b></div> <div style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</div>   |                                 |   |   |
| REFERENCES:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER,<br/>CINCINNATI, OHIO, February 13, 1943.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Bureau teletype to New York dated<br/>February 15, 1943.</div>   |                                 |   |   |
| DETAILS:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">The New York Office was furnished with information as to the<br/>escape of the above subjects in Cincinnati teletype of Feb-<br/>ruary 13, 1943 to the Director and SAC's, with the request that criminal informants,<br/>police departments, and possible sources of information be contacted for information<br/>as to subjects' whereabouts. Inasmuch as the radio broadcasts by the New York<br/>Police Department automatically causes an eight state alarm, the Bureau was request-<br/>ed by New York referenced teletype for authority for such a broadcast. This autho-<br/>rity was granted by Bureau teletype dated February 15, 1943.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">The information was furnished the New York Police Department<br/>for radio broadcast on eight state alarm as well as its broadcast over the New<br/>York Police Department teletype system to all precincts. It had been ascertained<br/>that broadcasts were being made by New York Police Department radio on information<br/>furnished by the Cincinnati Police Department but that such information was not up<br/>to date and carried a meager description of the subjects.</div> |                                 |   |   |
| APPROVED AND<br>FORWARDED:<br><i>E. E. Courcy</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE      | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">③ - Bureau<br/>3 - Cincinnati<br/>2 - New York</div>   |                                 | <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-bottom: 10px;">76-19276-175</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-bottom: 10px;">1 MAR 8 1943</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RECORDED</div> |   |
| <div style="font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;">51 MAR 23 1943</div>  |                                 | <div style="font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;">FUG. SUP.</div>  |   |

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The above information was furnished the New York Police Department on February 18, 1943 and included only descriptive data on the first three subjects listed and the automobile believed to be in their possession, inasmuch as the Cincinnati teletype of February 18, 1943 to all SACs advised of the apprehension of subjects ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS and CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS.

On February 25, 1943 Sergeant ARTHUR ALPERT of the Post Guard House, Fort Jay, New York, located at Governors Island, telephonically contacted Special Agent JOHN T. LUTEY, Jr. of the New York Office, with the information that he had just received a wanted circular reflecting photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, listing them as wanted with three other escaped federal prisoners. Sergeant ALPERT advised that these men (PARSONS brothers) were received at the Fort Jay Guard House, photographed and fingerprinted, on August 9, 1941 and released to the Reception Center at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He advised that he would make all records available if information were needed regarding these two men.

Inasmuch as the Cincinnati Office had advised that the PARSONS brothers had been apprehended, Sergeant ALPERT was telephonically contacted by the writer and so advised.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case

Originated at: CINCINNATI

File No: 91-428

Report Made at:

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Date Made:

3-6-43

Period:

2-13-43, 15-16-  
20-29/3-2-12-43

Report Made By:

DANIEL F. McHILLIAN, SA RA

Character:

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Title:  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, Fug.; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY,  
was, Fug.; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, Fug.; AVONDALE  
BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO  
10-31-42

## SYNOPSIS:

Cincinnati Office advised by teletype dated February 13, 1943 that above fugitives escaped County Jail, Cincinnati, 6:15 P.M., February 12, 1943. Subjects BEVER, RADKAY and RICKETTS originally arrested Minneapolis on November 24, 1942; later being removed to Cincinnati to face charges of robbing AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, Cincinnati, October 31, 1942. Mrs. ANNE KELLER, friend of subject BEVER presently residing 1986 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. KELLER has been contacted by Detroit Office and offers cooperation. ESTHER ANDERSON, girl friend of RADKAY presently residing Hotel Kenwood, Apartment 307, Minneapolis; offers cooperation. Friend of subject RICKETTS, ALMA PETERSON, presently residing 2419 First Avenue South, Minneapolis; will cooperate. Thirty day covers placed on ESTHER ANDERSON and ALMA PETERSON, Minneapolis, February 16, 1943. ESTHER ANDERSON received three letters from subject RADKAY while he was in County Jail, Cincinnati. Subjects RADKAY and RICKETTS apprehended at Kansas City, March 2, 1943.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN W. REITER, Cincinnati, February 13, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent JOHN W. REITER, Cincinnati, February 22, 1943.  
Teletypes to Cincinnati and Detroit, February 13, 1943.  
Teletype from Bureau dated February 13, 1943.

## DETAILS:

The Cincinnati Office advised by teletype dated February 13, 1943 that the above fugitives and two others, namely, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, escaped from the County Jail at Cincinnati, Ohio. Inasmuch as the PARSONS boys have since been apprehended, their names are being deleted from the title of this report.

Subjects BEVER, RADKAY, and RICKETTS were arrested by the Minneapolis Police Department on November 24, 1942 and were later turned over to the

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St. Paul Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and were removed to the Cincinnati Division for prosecution in connection with the robbery of the AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, Cincinnati, Ohio on October 31, 1942.

At the time these individuals were arrested in Minneapolis and St. Paul on November 21, 1942 in different Hotels, they each had a girl friend with them. The girl friend of subject BEVER, namely, Mrs. ANNE KELLER, is presently residing at 1986 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. This information was secured from a letter from Mrs. KELLER addressed to Special Employee Agent KERMIT L. WESTBAY on January 2, 1943. She is supposed to be living with her husband, JOSEPH KELLER, who is employed by the General Motors as an instrument worker in Detroit. Living with them is her sister-in-law, MAXINE KELLER.

A teletype was directed to the Detroit Office on February 13, 1943 informing that Mrs. KELLER was very much in love with subject BEVER and vice versa, and that no doubt BEVER would contact her at sometime in the future. Mrs. KELLER's telephone number in Detroit is Plaza 8189. The Detroit Office was informed that Mrs. KELLER should not be contacted when her husband was around. The Detroit Office is in possession of copy of the report of Special Employee Agent KERMIT L. WESTBAY, St. Paul, dated December 14, 1942, which report reflects the circumstances surrounding the arrest of the above subjects and their girl friends.

ESTHER ANDERSON, girl friend of subject R. D. KELLY, with whom he was arrested at the King Cole Hotel, Minneapolis, presently resides at the Hotel Kenwood, Apartment 307, located at 1662 Hennepin Avenue. She is employed at the Happy Hour Nite Club, Nicollet Avenue at 15th Street, Minneapolis, where she works from 5:00 P.M. until 2:00 A.M. each night. On Sundays she is employed from 11:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Writer contacted ESTHER ANDERSON on February 13, 1943 at her apartment at which time she informed that since subject R. D. KELLY has been in the County Jail, Cincinnati, she has received three letters from him. She stated she has also written some letters to the subject, and that she indicated in her letters to R. D. KELLY she was very much in love with him, and desired to visit him at the County Jail in Cincinnati. She stated that R. D. KELLY is of the impression that she is in love with him and in all probability will contact her at sometime in the near future. She informed that in the event the subject does contact her, she will immediately notify this Office inasmuch as she realizes that he can never cause her anything but trouble.

She exhibited the three letters which she had received from R. D. KELLY to the writer and furnished copies of these letters which are being set out below:

Letter #1, postmarked at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 17, 1942, 8:00 A.M., addressed to Miss ESTHER ANDERSON, care of Happy Hour Nite Club, 16th & Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This letter is printed and is set forth as follows:

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"Dear Esther:

"I'm writting this letter left hand, so dont get disgusted at its shortness.

"I guess you know all by now and why I'm here. I never had the chance to apologize for the mess caused you account of me. Its hard to explain, but skip that now, write and let me know how you are, and getting along -

"My regards to the bunch and best I've ever met.

"Will write best as I can. My hand is still in the cast.

"With love as ever  
Call me BILL, not S.M."

Return: WILLIAM RABLEY, c/o Hamilton County Jail, "Cincinnati", Ohio.

Letter #2, postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio, December 31, 1942, 11:00 A.M., addressed to Miss ESTHER L. WILSON, care of Kenwood Hotel, Apartment 307, 1682 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Air Mail; this letter is quoted as follows and was written, not printed:

"Dearest Esther:

"The pleasure came with the arrival of your letter and card. I also heard from my mother. She wanted to come to Minneapolis while I was in the hospital, but I told her in a wire not to. I didn't know much of my condition, but soon learned of the circumstances I was in the effects of the fall are just wearing off.

"They claim to have a serious charge against me here, but not as bad as claimed. I expect to be acquitted at a trial. I haven't done any of those silly things, that's why I had to leave a good home your one. I was blamed for everything that happened in K.C. because of my record. Am sorry to hear how you feel, but you understand fate, a well planned Christmas was ruined. They don't allow smokes to be sent to us, all these things are said here. Am pencilling this with my rt. hand its getting better. By the way, George said "hello".

"And honey don't be shedding any Tears, things will come out O.K. I often think of the fun at the H.H. Club.

"Love & regards,  
the best ---- Bill."

Letter #3, postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio, January 9, 1943, 10:00 A.M., addressed to Miss ESTHER L. WILSON, care of Kenwood Hotel, Apartment 307, 1682 Hennepin Avenue,



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Minneapolis. No return was given. This letter was written, and is quoted as follows:

"Dear Esther:

"Received your letter & thanks for the kind message. Circumstances have changed the outlook of my future and things look very gloomy so its best you understand now as you will have to later on & dont try & visit me as its doubtful that you could get to see me. & when the time comes that I will be sent away, thats for sure you'll not be allowed to write or visit. It is easier to forget while time is young. I'm in it up to my neck & its worse every day.

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"Try to understand that I'm not complaining, the whole condition I'm in at the present, at the insistence of the higher up on just a matter of opinion. Makes a predicament worse. I'm disgusted enough at the things I'm accused of & sick of ideas of any. Tell Alice I said hello & miss the fun awfull lot. I just wondered what don't the boys thought of the whole scandal. Well, Esther, this may as well be the goodbye note. It was swell that I met you, but fate deems otherwise. No hope can help me & there is no one else.

"Goodbye, with  
love, BILL."

The writer has contacted ETHEL ANDERSON on three or four occasions, the last time on February 25, 1947, at which time she informed that she has had no contact with subject BILLY or any of the other individuals whatsoever, and still maintains that she will immediately notify this Office if she does receive such communication.

The writer contacted ALMA PETERSON, girl friend of subject RICHARDS, with whom he was arrested at the Parkway Hotel in Minneapolis on November 24, 1944. She is presently residing at 2319 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, a private residence for girls. She informed that she has had no contact with subject RICHARDS or any of the other individuals since they were arrested together at the Parkway Hotel. She states that she has no love for subject RICHARDS or the others, and is scared to death for fear one of them might try to contact her. She informed that if any of the subjects did contact her, she would immediately notify the writer. The telephone and address of the St. Paul Office has been furnished to the above girls.

As a result of the mail covers placed on ETHEL ANDERSON and ALMA PETERSON at Minneapolis, two letters have been received by ETHEL ANDERSON: one postmarked at Galveston, Texas, February 25, 1947, from the American National Insurance Company addressed to ETHEL A. ANDERSON, 1682 Hennepin, Room 407, Minneapolis, Minnesota;

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another postmarked Indianapolis, Ind., February 22, 1943 from the Commonwealth Loan Company, Inc., addressed to ESTHER ANDERSON, 1632 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis.

ALMA PETERSON has received two letters addressed to her at 2319 First Avenue South, Minneapolis; the first being postmarked February 16, 1943 at Dayton, Ohio from the McCall Corporation; another postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 18, 1943, with return address 517 Plymouth Building.

Special Agent in Charge, C. W. STEIN, contacted Inspector of Detectives, JAMES MULLEN of the Minneapolis Police Department on February 14, 1943, and informed him that this Office had contacted the two girl friends of subjects and informed that those two girls had offered their cooperation and that in the event any information is secured that the subjects are in Minneapolis, his Department would be immediately notified and that they would be in on the pick-up.

Special Agent S. W. HARRY contacted Assistant U. S. Attorney, LINUS J. HARMOND on February 21, 1943. He informed that the complaints filed against subjects RABINY, BEVER and RICKETTS on November 27, 1942 charging violation of Section 408, title 18 of the U. S. Code for Interstate Transportation of the 1941 Plymouth Coach, Motor #P12-261752 were still outstanding, and that the warrants were still in effect. He informed that these warrants would be kept outstanding until these subjects were taken into custody and a disposition made of their cases.

It will be noted that the report of Special Employed Agent MERVYN L. WESTBURY, St. Paul, dated December 14, 1942 failed to set forth information to the effect that above complaint was filed in St. Paul on these individuals. The synopsis did reflect such information, but the details did not.

Wanted Notices on the above subjects were received by the St. Paul Office on February 19, 1943 and were mailed to the Field Office mailing list. I.O. as to subjects RICKETTS and BEVER have been received and have been mailed to the mailing list.

A news item contained in the St. Paul Dispatch dated February 27, 1943 reflected that subjects had been seen in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, and that a gun battle had ensued between them and the local police which resulted in the subjects leaving the automobile in which they were supposed to have been riding, and that they had been successful in eluding capture.

According to the Minneapolis Police Department, subjects are presently riding in a 1943 Pontiac Coupe, Maroon, with 1942 Missouri license plates 716277. Whether this information is correct is not known.

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A teletype was directed to the Kansas City Office on March 1, 1943 requesting that Office to furnish the St. Paul Office with details of the subjects' scrap with the Kansas City Police in order that it might be definitely known what happened. There is a good possibility these subjects will come to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Every effort will be made to cause their apprehension in the event they do come to Minneapolis.

Since dictating the above, the Kansas City Office advised by teletype on March 1, 1943 that subject WILLIAM R. DEWY was apprehended by Bureau Agents at Kansas City during evening of March 1st, 1943, and that subject RICKETTS was apprehended by Bureau Agents and Kansas City Police Department early on the morning of March 2nd, 1943; that subject BEVER is still at large. Even though R. DEWY and RICKETTS have been apprehended, contact will still be had with the above mentioned girl friends of R. DEWY and RICKETTS in Minneapolis, who are friends of Mrs. ALICE HELLER who is in Detroit, Michigan, with the thought that possibly BEVER may contact one of them.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION:

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

Will maintain contact with ESTHER ANDERSON at 1682 Hennepin Avenue, the Hotel Kennwood, Apartment #307, and also at the Happy Hour Nite Club where she is employed to determine whether or not she has had any contact with subject BEVER.

Will report the results of mail covers placed on ESTHER ANDERSON.

At 2312 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, will keep in contact with LILL PETERSON, girl friend of subject FLETCHER to determine if she has received any word from subject BEVER.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-544**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>                    | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-15-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-27, 28-43<br/>3-1, 2, 3-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>WILLIAM J. JOVICK</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>NAD</b></span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE<br/>ET AL.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>              |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Teletype from Louisville on 2-27-43 reflected that subject RADKAY made a statement to Dr. BLOCH, Jewish Hospital at Louisville, that he would have his broken heel treated and placed in a cast at a Cleveland Hospital, as he was going there to work for Richman Clothing Co. and subject also gave Cleveland address of 5607 Dibble Avenue. Investigation of CARLOS, ELMORE and JACOB P. LUNDER, occupants of 5607 Dibble Avenue, conducted with negative results. A check made with Richman Clothing Company, Mt. Sinai Hospital, neighbors and the Cleveland Police Department to determine whether or not RADKAY was in the Cleveland Field Division.

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**Reference:**

Teletype from Louisville dated 2-27-43.

**Details:**

At Cleveland, Ohio

Upon receipt of teletype dated February 27, 1943, from Louisville, the Cleveland Field Division office initiated investigation to determine the occupants of the address at 5607 Dibble Avenue, which address RADKAY gave to Dr. BLOCH while being treated at the Jewish Hospital at Louisville.

It was ascertained from the City Directory that CARLOS ELMORE and JACOB P. LUNDER and wife, VIDA

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. V. Boardman</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                                    | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |          |
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were occupants of this address. A check of the Credit Bureau and the local Police Department revealed no record of ELMORE but it was learned that JACOB P. LUNDER, 5607 Dibble Avenue, was arrested for a minor traffic violation in 1940 and was fined \$3.00. His description as set out by the Cleveland Police Department is as follows:-

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| Birth date     | 12-29-14 in the United States |
| Height         | 5'10"                         |
| Weight         | 150 lbs.                      |
| Hair           | Brown                         |
| Eyes           | Blue                          |
| Marital status | Married                       |
| Employment     | Cleveland Graphite Bronze.    |

Detective CISAN, Cleveland Police Department, advised that Dibble Street was in his territory and that it was made up mostly of Slovenian and Croatian nationalities and that the neighborhood was considered good. CISAN did not know either ELMORE or LUNDER.

AGNES BAROW, The Superior Detective Agency, corner of Dibble and 55th Streets, stated that she did not know the names of the persons in that block and that as far as she knew all persons residing on Dibble Street were law abiding citizens and that no unknown persons or foreign licensed cars were seen in that vicinity lately.

L. B. SECORE, Plant Protection Manager, Cleveland Graphite Bronze, produced the records of JACK JACOB LUNDER. The records revealed that LUNDER was born on December 29, 1914, his parents were named JACOB LUNDER and AGNES LESAR LUNDER; that he was employed on July 14, 1941 upon the recommendation of his sister, FRANCES LUNDER, present employee of the Cleveland Graphite Bronze, as a burr polisher and braider. His previous employers were the Japan Company, 51st Street and Lakeside, Supervisor CARL MORRISON, and The Cola Company, 25th and Superior. He was married to VIDA, age 22, and his Selective Service number is 272-05-3796. He gave the following as personal references:-

WILLIAM FREEDMAN, 5603 Dibble Avenue; WILLIAM REES, 5613 Dibble Avenue, and LUNDER's work record until the present time has been very satisfactory.

SECORE also produced an occupational deferment which was obtained from the War Department on Mr. LUNDER, which deferment revealed that subject was registered at Local Board #2, Cleveland, Order No. 2175; that his position at the present time was grinder operator and drill press operator. Mr. SECORE made available a picture of JACK LUNDER, which picture is being retained in the Cleveland Field Division office file.

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A mail cover and telegram cover on the address at 5607 Dibble Avenue was placed and was removed upon notification of apprehension of subjects RADKAY and RICKETTS.

Miss LILLIAN FRAME, at the Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, produced the credit records of JACK P. LUNDER which revealed that LUNDER now resides at 5607 Dibble Avenue, having previously resided at 5603 Dibble and that he was employed at the Rolo Company, 2530 Superior Company. The only information regarding credit was that from 1937 through 1941 there were numerous inquiries from financial companies but no credit transaction.

Miss OFFENBAKER, Night Supervisor of the Sinai Hospital, 1800 E. 105th Street, Cleveland, checked the records of the Hospital in an effort to determine whether or not RADKAY was admitted for treatment for a broken heel. No person by the name of RADKAY, and in fact no one with a broken heel, was treated recently.

On February 27, 1943, Agent telephonically contacted GEORGE H. RICHMAN, Secretary and Treasurer of the Richman Bros., Clothing Company, to inquire if RADKAY was employed by his firm or if he had made application to be employed by them. Mr. RICHMAN advised that his firm has not hired anyone of the age of RADKAY and that all employees and all applicants are finger printed. On March 1st, 1943, Agent personally contacted Mr. RICHMAN and supplied him with information and a wanted notice on subject and advised him to immediately contact the Cleveland Field Division office in the event RADKAY or his accomplices made application for a position.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Cincinnati, Ohio

Will interview RADKAY to determine his connections with occupants of 5607 Dibble Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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## Robbers Resemble Bandits Who Fled From County Jail

Three of the men who engineered the spectacular break from the County Jail February 12 are wanted in Kansas City, Mo., on warrants for kidnaping and jail breaking, a radio message to Cincinnati police said late last night. The three escaped on foot after wrecking their automobile in a chase, Kansas City police said.

The possibility that three bandits who robbed a grocery in Felicity, Ohio, 30 miles from Cincinnati, Thursday night, are the three bank robbers who escaped from Hamilton County Jail February 12, was being investigated yesterday by Federal Bureau of Investigation and Clermont County authorities.

The fact that the bandits took

canned goods, as well as a small amount of cash, bolstered the theory that they may have been three of the five men who fled the jail. Two already have been recaptured.

Miss Leonora Evans, 21 years old, sister of Raymond Evans, proprietor of the grocery, said the men resembled the three bandits, but she was unable to identify them more definitely. She said they pulled their hats down and their coat collars up before entering the store.

Miss Evans was alone in the store when she saw an automobile in front. She saw the three men leave the car and start for the store. Becoming suspicious when they pulled their hats down and their coat collars up, she hurriedly took \$30 from the cash register and hid it. Entering the store, one man, armed with an automatic pistol, told her to sit down. She was slow in complying, so he pushed her.

There was some discussion among the men as to whether Miss Evans had seen their faces. Then one of the men struck her, knocking her unconscious. Her face was scratched and one eye was blackened.

When she recovered, 15 minutes later, the men had left with approximately \$10 from the cash register and a small quantity of food, which they had stuffed into a shopping bag they were carrying. They took canned goods, pancake flour, and syrup.

Miss Evans notified Sheriff Thomas Brooks and Deputy Sheriff Frank Abbott, who informed the FBI in Cincinnati. A broadcast for the bandits' automobile was sent out by the State Highway Patrol.

Federal agents showed pictures of the three escaped bank bandits to Miss Evans. The bandits were Harry Beaver, 27, and William D. Radkey, 27, both of Kansas City, Mo., and Samuel Ricketts, 28, St. Paul, Minn., who were being held on bank robbery charges when they escaped from jail in Cincinnati.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 8, 1943

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APPREHENSION ORDER NO.

1871-846

FBI NO.

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RE: WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases:  
James Murphy, Samuel Isaac Radkay,  
William Radkay, Sam Radke, William I. Radkey,  
William Radkay, William Isaac Radkay, William  
Radke, Willie Radke, Wm. I. Radke, Willie  
Radkey, Bob Reese, S. R. Reuben, Sammy Reuben,  
Sammy Isaac Reuben, William Rodman, George E.  
Rowan, Samuel Isaac Rowan, George Rowan, Sam  
Rubin, Samuel Isaac Rubbin, "Sam," Willie".  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1871 on the above named subject is hereby  
cancelled inasmuch as he was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri, March 1,  
1943.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. **COMMUNICATIONS SECTION**  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
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Director

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THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1871

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March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1870; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1871; HARRY  
RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1869; et al; BANK ROBBERY;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of Apprehension  
Order No. 846, William Isaac Radkay, Identification Order  
No. 1871.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosure**

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson ★ **MAR 9 - 1943 P.M.**

Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
Mr. Mumford **U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 8, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Attached hereto are copies of the report of Special Agent NELLIS E. MANSON, dated March 10, 1943, at Kansas City, Missouri, from which it will be observed that fugitive RATKAY was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, during the evening of March 1, 1943, by Special Agents MILTON B. DICKERSON and RUSKIN R. LINES, on the streets of Kansas City, Missouri. I consider this a very splendid piece of work, and I desire to commend both of these Agents for their alertness as to the manner in which they handled themselves in effecting the apprehension of this person. They brought him to the office promptly, without any ostentation or mishap of any kind or nature.

During the night of March 1, 1943, the case received vigorous investigative attention and from the report of Agent MANSON it will be observed that a telephone call was received early during the morning of March 2, 1943, from a cab driver, who promptly was interviewed and who furnished information as to the then possible location of Fugitives RICKETTS and BEVER.

Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. MILLER and WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY, together with four police officers from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, went to the apartment house at 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It is my understanding this situation was discussed in the office that morning prior to the time the Agents and police officers went to the address in question. RICKETTS was apprehended in the basement of the apartment house at 721 West 11th Street. He was then promptly brought to the Kansas City Bureau Office by Special Agents CAMPBELL and MILLER and two detectives, leaving at the address 721 West 11th Street Special Agents O'MAHONEY and MURPHY and two Kansas City, Missouri Police Officers.

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I am transmitting herewith memoranda prepared by Special Agents WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY and MILTON B. DICKERSON, of this office, which relate to what occurred in connection with this case during the morning of March 2, 1943, in our efforts to apprehend BEVER.



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RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, FUG., etal

It is to be noted that Fugitive BEVER was not apprehended and is still at large.

These memoranda which I am attaching hereto will show clearly and without any doubt in my mind that fugitive BEVER came back to the residence at 721 West 11th Street; that he passed Police Officer PINK without an identification and that Special Agent WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY failed to identify him. He was in our hands, yet we failed to get him.

It is to be noted that copies of this investigative report have to be furnished the United States Attorneys at Topeka, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, Cincinnati, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. I purposely deleted from this investigative report the interview with the taxicab driver, which appears in the memorandum attached hereto prepared by Special Agent MILTON B. DICKERSON. (Page 11). It would be embarrassing to the Bureau for any persons outside of our service to observe our patent failure to take fugitive BEVER into custody when he was almost in our hands.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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✓ This is a good example of what happens when we have the rely on Police cooperation. The police officer talked to him and eliminated him. O'Mahoney was carrying out his assignment and it is reasonable he would rely on the Police Officer.

Kansas City, Missouri  
March 6, 1943

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.**

This is to advise that following receipt of information that Subjects HARRY RALPH BEVER, fugitive, and SAMUEL RICKETTS were located in the basement of the apartment building at 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, I was designated as one of the Agents to assist in causing the apprehension of these Subjects.

I was with Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL and ROBERT B. MILLER in the office of the Agent in Charge in the Kansas City Field Division when the plan of operation regarding the manner in which Subjects were to be apprehended was discussed among the Agents and with the four Detectives from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, which department had been notified of the receipt of the information regarding the whereabouts of Subjects BEVER and RICKETTS.

Two of the City Detectives, RAY MINNICK and TOM REIDMAN, were to be stationed at the rear corners of the apartment building, overlooking the bluff that descends to 12th Street. WILLIAM FINEK was to take up a position at the corner of Summit and 11th Streets, which was also the northwest corner of the apartment building at 721 West 11th Street. The writer assumed the position about fifteen feet away from the northeast corner of the apartment building in a parking lot in which were parked three or four automobiles. Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. MILLER and City Detective CLARENCE SKINNER, as prearranged, entered the apartment building and proceeded to the basement where DELBERT GOBEN had definitely stated that the fugitives were hiding.

The writer had taken up the position as indicated above about 6:20 A.M. on the morning of March 2, 1943, and after being so stationed for a period of about fifteen minutes two individuals emerged from the apartment building and they were immediately accosted in order that they might be viewed and identified. These two individuals were young men about eighteen years old and were dressed in overalls, carrying lunch pails. The writer receded east a distance of approximately twenty-five or thirty feet, in order that these individuals could be brought under a street light, in order for full identification. They furnished the names of SMITH and claimed to be residents in the apartment building under surveillance and when it was observed that they did not compare with the likenesses previously furnished of the Subjects in this case, they were permitted to proceed.

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Similarly a woman, who emerged from the apartment building, was permitted to proceed. This activity took place while the other Agents mentioned and Detective SKINNER were in the basement of the apartment building.

At approximately 6:40 a yellow taxicab was observed to drive up in front of 721 West 11th Street and an individual emerged from the taxicab a distance of about twenty or twenty-five feet from where Detective WILLIAM FINK was stationed. Detective FINK accosted this individual and directed him to walk down to where he was stationed under a street lamp, located on the corner, and FINK conversed with this individual for from five to six minutes. Snatches of the conversation, which were barely audible, indicated to the writer that FINK had insisted that this individual identify himself and this individual made a remark about employment in some plant. The writer also heard FINK request that this individual show him his identification button. The writer then stepped back east to the original position in the middle of the parking lot and about that time the individual that Detective FINK was questioning started walking toward the writer. The writer stopped this individual at a point about directly in front of the steps leading into the apartment building and from a distance of about twenty to twenty-five feet asked him what it was that he wanted. The individual said that the officer had sent him up to ask if it was all right to go into the building as he wanted to go up on the second floor where he was to meet one CLAUDE MURPHY with whom he worked.

Believing that this individual had properly identified himself to Detective FINK at the corner and in view of the fact that this individual claimed that he was going to the second floor of the apartment building, permission was granted to him to ascend the steps and enter the apartment building and go up to the second floor. As he did so the writer moved down toward the front of the apartment building, keeping a distance of about twenty feet between the writer and this individual so that it was possible to see this individual ascend the steps leading from the main lobby of the apartment building to the second floor. This could be seen from the sidewalk as the front door of the apartment building is plate glass.

The writer again took up a position off the northeast corner of the apartment building and in a few minutes Special Agent MILLER emerged from the apartment building and advised that only one Subject had been located in the basement and he inquired whether anybody had left the building. Special Agent MILLER was advised of the two boys and the woman who had left the apartment building and was advised



that no one else had left the building.

It may be stated here that the features of the individual who talked to Detective FINK were not clearly discernible from the point where the writer conversed with him regarding permission to go into the apartment building. For this reason and because it was the belief of the writer that this individual had already established his identity to the Detective on the corner, he was permitted to enter the apartment building to avoid commotion and activity on the outside of the building.

In addition, at the time when plans for making the arrests of Subjects were discussed in the office of the Special Agent in Charge, all those present, including the Detectives, were asked whether they had photographs and had seen the photographs of the Subjects who were being sought. They all indicated that they were familiar with or had seen photographic likenesses of the two Subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wm. B. O'Mahoney*

WM. B. O'MAHONEY,  
Special Agent.

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Kansas City, Missouri

March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

JACK LUPARDUS, 1001 East 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed and stated he is a driver for the Yellow Taxicab Company; that he picked up a man, whom he identified from photographs shown him, as BEVER, at the corner of 11th and Jefferson Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, at 5:50 A.M., March 2, 1943. He stated this man told him he wanted to go to 17th and Garfield Streets, Kansas City, Kansas, and after discussing the route, they finally drove over the 12th Street viaduct and out Central Avenue to 17th Street and then north. LUPARDUS said he stopped in front of 1701 Garfield, where this person got out, went into the house and was gone about three minutes. LUPARDUS said no lights came on in this house and that his passenger came out a side entrance; that this person then had him drive directly back to 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which they reached at approximately 6:35 A.M. This person paid him the fare and since this building is located on a corner, he made a circle turn and noted that his passenger was talking with a man at the Northwest corner of the house. He said he also noted another man approximately 30 feet East who had a shotgun or rifle, which made him suspicious and he drove rapidly away.

Respectfully submitted:

*Milton B. Dickerson*

MILTON B. DICKERSON  
SPECIAL AGENT

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: CINCINNATI, OHIO

File No. 91-675

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| Report Made At<br><b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>   | Date Made<br><b>3-10-43</b> | Period<br><b>2-13 to 3-10-43</b> | Report Made By<br><b>NELLIS EMANUEL MANSON (A) BLM</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases-Fugitive<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases-Fugitive<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases-Fugitive<br/>Et al.</b> |                             |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT<br/>ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 3-1-43, WILLIAM RADKAY apprehended, and on 3-2-43, SAMUEL RICKETTS apprehended, K. C., Mo. Both admitted escaping Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2-12-43, together with BEVER; stealing a Chevrolet car, abandoning same; and holding up and tying Dr. CLOYCE WILSON in a house in Cincinnati; then taking his Chrysler Sedan to Louisville, Kentucky, where they abandoned it. They admit stealing a Pontiac coupe in Louisville, and stealing license plates from another car in St. Louis, Mo., and arriving Kansas City 2-25-43 and abandoning this car in shooting affray, 2-26-43. Value of Pontiac car, \$350.00. USA, K.C., Mo., declined prosecution, and a fugitive complaint was filed 3-2-43, charging violation Federal Escape Act. They waived hearing, and USM, K.C. Mo., removed them to Cincinnati, Ohio on 3-4-43. Investigation continuing to locate BEVER as he contacted several persons in Kansas City, obtaining at least \$10 from each of two persons. Was last definitely seen K.C., Mo. on morning of 3-2-43.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Cincinnati Field Office dated February 13, 1943 to Kansas City Field Office.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13, 1943 and February 22, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Approved: *[Signature]*

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DETAILS:

Immediately upon the receipt of the teletype from the Cincinnati Office on February 13, 1943, the Police Departments of both Kansas Cities, as well as the Sheriff's Offices at both places, were contacted and the information relative to the Fugitives given, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Lee's Summit, Missouri, was likewise given this information. All promised cooperation in the hunt for the Fugitives.

Agents HAROLD L. SCOTT and WILLIAM JAMES BURKE ascertained that 3825 Central Street, Kansas City, Missouri, is an apartment house and on the ground floor, north apartment, reside ROY E. WALKUP, J. C. SHEPHERD and KAY RICKETTS. It was ascertained that KAY RICKETTS is the wife of Fugitive RICKETTS and that J. C. SHEPHERD is in reality Mrs. ROY E. WALKUP, sister of KAY RICKETTS. The apartment on the south side, ground floor, is occupied by LUDWIG ISENBERG, his wife and son. The janitor of the building is E. D. WHITFIELD, colored. It was ascertained that there is no telephone in the apartment of KAY RICKETTS. Mrs. ISENBERG was interviewed without securing information that would be helpful in the apprehension of the Fugitive RICKETTS or his associates. She knew nothing that would be of interest. WHITFIELD advised that he would notify the Kansas City Office should any strange men appear at this apartment.

It was ascertained that at 2711 Peery, Kansas City, Missouri, there resides Mr. ORA NICHOLAS whose wife is THELMA and whose infant son is BILLY. These individuals are acquainted with KAY RICKETTS and have apparently been corresponding with RICKETTS and the Valentine referred to in the teletype was sent by Mrs. NICHOLAS and her infant son. Police cooperating with the Kansas City Office, who are acquainted with these individuals, have advised that they will cooperate.

It was ascertained that the following are the near relatives of Fugitives:

RICKETTS

Wife - KAY RICKETTS-CARROLL, 3825 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, also Noble's Cafe, 3 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Father - THOMAS R. RICKETTS, believed deceased.

Mother - Mrs. JULIA RICKETTS, 3023 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother - HENRY AARON RICKETTS, with mother, 3023 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri. On parole and a WPA worker.

Sisters - Mrs. LESTER (VELCEY) WILLIAMS, 2419 South Mill, Rosedale, Kansas.  
Telephone - WE-5685.

Sisters (Cont) - Mrs. GLENN (RUTH) HOLLOWAY, Route 10, North Kansas City, Missouri. Telephone - GL-4964.

Mrs. JAMES BOULDING, 3011 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.  
Telephone - LI-5878.

Mrs. WILLIAM G. (STELLA) DAME, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Mo.

#### BEVER

Parents - BLANCHE and OWSA BEVER, 115 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Aunt - NELLIE PAUL, 2314 Spruce, Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother - THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, 2222 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, Apt. #20

Brother - ROBERT D. BEVER, Basic Training Squadron, G.R.C., Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ex-wife - DIKIE FARRETT, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, Apt. #102.  
Telephone VA-9350.

Emergency telephone, care of KENNETH JENSEN, LO 5675.

Employed - Commercial Equipment Company, 14th and McGee Streets,  
Kansas City, Missouri

#### RADKAY

Mother - VERA TOMASEGOVICH, 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas.

Brother - JOSHUA RADKAY, with mother, 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas.  
(A half-bro)

Foster Parents - ISAAC and MARY RADKAY, 250 North 5th, Kansas City, Kansas.

Sister - Mrs. UZIEL, 729 Orville, Kansas City, Kansas.

Step-sister - ELIZABETH THOMAS, 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas.  
(A daughter of RADKAY'S mother and of her second husband,  
STEVE TOMASEGOVICH)

Step-brother - FRANK THOMAS (He is now in the United States Army.)

Mail covers were placed as to relatives in the Kansas Cities.

Agents WILSON E. DICKERSON and HAROLD L. SCOTT, in company with Detectives ELI YOVETICH and GEORGE TRAUSCHER, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, called at the residence of ISAAC and MARY RADKAY, foster parents of Subject RADKAY, where Agent DICKERSON, with ELI YOVETICH, who speaks the same language as the RADKAY family, and whose father-in-law also lives next door to the RADKAY family, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. RADKAY. No information of assistance was obtained other than that the Fugitive RADKAY was reported as

having the following cousins residing in Indiana:

JOHN RADKAY, 4524 Massachusetts, Gary, Indiana;  
CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland, Gary, Indiana;  
JOE RADKAY, 5024 Narva Place, East Chicago, Indiana

This information was furnished by teletype to the Indianapolis Office under date of the 15th instant, as well as to the Cincinnati Office, together with additional information that there was indication that the Fugitive RADKAY is supposed to have one time married some woman at Gary, Indiana, and that the cousins might have knowledge of it. This information was not obtained from the RADKAY family.

The mother of RADKAY, and other relatives of his living at 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas, were interviewed but no information that would be of assistance was obtained.

Agents MILTON B. DICKERSON and HAROLD L. SCOTT also at Kansas City, Missouri, interviewed the various relatives of Fugitive RICKETTS but secured no information that would be of assistance looking to his location and apprehension.

Agent DICKERSON interviewed THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, a brother of Fugitive BEVER, and also his wife, but secured no information of interest.

DIXIE DEAN GARRETT, Apartment #102, Granada Apartments, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, former wife of BEVER, was interviewed by Agent DICKERSON and promised her cooperation as she said she did not care to have anything further to do with him.

KAY RICKETTS, wife of the Fugitive RICKETTS was interviewed at the Kansas City Office and advised she is working at Noble's Cafe, 12th and Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri; that she has not been divorced from the Fugitive RICKETTS and said that she would cooperate looking to his apprehension, indicating that she did not want him to get her into any trouble.

All interviewed were diplomatically advised of the Harboring Statute.

Mr. R. J. SMITH, an investigator for the Quartermaster Depot, Independence and Hardesty, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed on February 18, 1943 by Agent HAROLD L. SCOTT and he advised that he had previously talked with Inspector REX WILLIS, Detective Division of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, with whom he was personally acquainted. Mr. SMITH said that no help could be expected from KAY RICKETTS, wife of the Fugitive, as he stated she had a brother in the penitentiary and that her former husband was in the penitentiary. He said that that he believed Fugitive RADKAY would contact a taxicab driver named TONY, last name unknown, who drove a 1940 fluid-drive Chrysler automobile, he thought, in Buffalo, New York, and he believed that he was the individual whom RADKAY and HARRY (BUDDY) O'DELL had kidnaped at the time they pulled a job believed at Buffalo.

that they released him and that apparently he had made a proposition to operate with them. SMITH said he would endeavor through his contacts to secure information that might be of interest and that if he did so he would contact the Kansas City Office. In this connection it should be stated that O'DELL and RADKAY are said to have pulled a stick-up at Niagara Falls, New York, for which O'DELL is at present serving a ten year sentence.

An appropriate teletype was forwarded to the Buffalo Office requesting that they endeavor to locate the taxicab driver named TONY at Niagara Falls and see if information could be obtained that would be of interest relative to the apprehension of RADKAY, as that is where TONY is believed to be located.

Early on the morning of February 26, 1943, Inspector REX WILLIS, to whom BEVER, RADKAY and RICKETTS are well known, advised Agent SCOTT that he had received information indicating that Fugitive RICKETTS was in Kansas City, Missouri and had called at the home of Mrs. CURTIS L. GIBSON, 6433 Charlotte, Kansas City, Missouri, whose husband operates the Paris Inn, 2625 East 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri; that RICKETTS had asked her where he might locate her husband and had made some remark indicating that they were too hot to call at his place of business and thought her husband might have some place where he could hide them out. RICKETTS immediately left. Mr. GIBSON, upon his return home, notified Inspector WILLIS and at that time it appeared that Mrs. GIBSON thought RICKETTS was accompanied by at least one other individual who remained in the car which she believed to be a Nash, probably a 1939 model, gray convertible coupe. Agent SCOTT joined Inspector WILLIS and other detectives riding with him, and Detective JOHN P. HARRINGTON and his partner were placed in a squad car to keep watch over the GIBSON residence.

Inspector WILLIS and Agent SCOTT called at the home of KAY RICKETTS, interviewed her. She denied any knowledge of the Fugitives and promised cooperation.

Other law enforcement agencies were advised as to the reported presence of RICKETTS and associate Fugitives in Kansas City, Missouri, and immediate action was taken by these departments in the two Kansas Cities and two counties in which these cities are located as to the look out for these Fugitives. The Cincinnati Office was advised by teletype as to the report that Fugitives were in the Kansas City area.

Later on the afternoon of February 26, 1943, Agent HAROLD L. SCOTT received a call from Inspector WILLIS at which time he said that someone had called at the home of Mr. R. J. SMITH, 1817 Perdition, Kansas City, Missouri, and that it was believed that this might be one of the Fugitives as the party answered the general description of BEVER. Inspector WILLIS later called Agent SCOTT and said that he was at the home of Mr. SMITH and that who-

over it was trying to contact him might call back. Agent SCOTT, in company with Agent CHARLES G. CARR, went to the vicinity of Mr. SMITH's home, where Agent SCOTT contacted FRED ENNIS, RAY WILLIAMS, and JAMES WEISICK, all detectives and in a squad car. These detectives, all veterans, were acquainted with the fugitives, and advised they had not observed the fugitives, but were staying in the immediate vicinity of the home of SMITH on the lookout for any trace of the fugitives. They advised that Inspector REX WILLIS was in the home of Mr. SMITH. Mr. SMITH, it should be noted, also carries a commission which entitles him to be armed.

Agent SCOTT went into the home of Mr. SMITH after this conversation, and advised Agent CARR to return to headquarters. Mr. SMITH said he believed whoever it was called, would, in all probability, call back; that he could not give any reason why any one of the fugitives would want to contact him, and from an interview with the father and mother of Mr. SMITH, it was believed that possibly the caller might be BETTER. Mr. SMITH said that he had various callers at his house by the very nature of his business.

It was arranged that should this caller return, the door would be opened, the caller admitted and, if he was the fugitive, covered by either Inspector WILLIS or Agent SCOTT, and the other, either WILLIS or SCOTT, would immediately step on the porch to cover anyone else who might be with the party calling at the door, it being remembered also that the squad car was adjacent.

At about 7:00 P.M., Agent SCOTT was at the telephone when someone said there was a car driving up. Inspector WILLIS said he was not sure of the identification and proceeded to the telephone to call the dispatcher. As the door wasn't immediately opened, the man on the porch apparently caught sight of the squad car in command of Detective ENNIS, and started to make the get-a-way, running from the porch. The squad car having blocked the street, the car which had just approached the SMITH residence, attempted to drive up the sidewalk, and doing so, ran into Inspector WILLIS' car, which was parked at the curbing, and then the car ran into a small brick wall, stopped, proceeded a short distance and crashed into a tree, wrecking the car. During this interim, the automobile was under fire by riot guns, rifles and revolvers. Two men fled from the car after the crash, making their escape between two buildings. An immediate search was made for all three of the men in the neighborhood. A general alarm was broadcast as to the fugitives.

Special Agents CHARLES G. CARR and JOHN BENJAMIN WHITE, upon examination of the wrecked car, ascertained that it was a 1938 green Pontiac coupe, bearing 1942 Missouri License #453-818, and Motor #8-93142. The left front wheel was broken off, and it had two holes in the left door and a hole in the upper part of the car left of the rear window, which holes were through the metal of the car, but not through the upholstery. These holes appeared to be bullet holes.



The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised that Missouri License #453-818, was issued to WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, 4310 Vista Street, St. Louis, Missouri, for a 1937 Dodge Sedan, Motor #D-5-246,851. The St. Louis Office advised the Kansas City Field Office on February 27, 1943, that WILLIAMS, upon being interviewed, advised his license plates were stolen sometime since Tuesday, February 23, 1943. WILLIAMS is a reputable employee of the Railway Express Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

The car was removed by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department to the Beryl Berry Garage. The value of the car is \$350.00.

An examination of the wrecked car was made by Agents WHITE and CARR. One latent fingerprint was lifted from the rear view mirror of this car, was photographed, and forwarded to the Bureau. The following evidence was obtained from the wrecked car and brought to the Kansas City Field Division on February 28, 1943 by these agents:

1 manilla brown envelope with markings - punctured rt. heel - referred by Oscar Bloch - M.D. 2-22-43 (RADKAY'S)

2 X-Ray negatives of a person's heel and foot. (RADKAY'S)

1 doctor's medicine bag containing instruments, medicines, bandages, etc., medicine envelope and prescription marked Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 432 Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1 gray, orange strip angora jacket

1 brown felt hat marked Super Quality Felt, hand finished, waterbuck process, Size 7 1/8

1 pair brown leather gloves

1 pair white gloves with knit top

1 herringbone (gray) vest and pants to match

1 brown stripe vest and pants to match

1 fireman's coat, containing constitution and By-Laws of Fireman's Protective Association of Cincinnati, Ohio, official Oath signed Harry Richard Miller, April 4, 1929. Name in coat, Capt. H. Miller, dated Jan. 1926, #15538, initials on inside pocket H.M. - made by Levy & Friedman, 809 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Papers in pocket marked Cincinnati Cigarette Case Co., and two envelopes of Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

1 fireman's cap, size 6 1/2, manufactured by Fachheimer Bros. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The above articles were returned to the Cincinnati Field Office on March 6, 1943.

There was also obtained from the car:

1 contract for enrollment as a student in Diesel Engine Schools, Inc., 1062-1064 Bardstern Road, Louisville, Ky., signed Raymond J. Russell, 737 So. 32nd Street, dated June 14, 1942, found in envelope with X-Rays.

This was returned to the Louisville Field Office on March 5, 1943, as it apparently belongs to the owner of the car, RAYMOND J. RUSSELL, Louisville.

There was also obtained from the car, the following articles, which were destroyed subsequent to the removal of RADKAY and RICKETTS from Kansas City to Louisville, prosecution having been declined as set forth later in this report:

1 pint bottle of Isopropyl Alcohol Compound, Distributor Vaughn Grocery Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

2 quart 5 gallon metal containers, marked Welch's Grape Juice, Westfield, N.Y.

3 Five-gallon cans marked Super Pyro Anti-Freeze #153212, back seat.

1 Five-gallon can marked Transport Pennsylvania Motor Oil, SAE 30.

1 One-gallon can Galena motor oil with strainer

1 metal funnel (7 inch)

2 lengths of rubber tube (4 feet each)

1 box Bradbury's Cold Capsules (12 to box) from Bradbury's Pharmacy, Louisville, Ky.

1 Sixmonth Iodine-Iodine Compound (can, large size)

1 small bottle of iodine #14823

1 small bottle of LaFarge Blue

1 small box of Gaty's powder

1 box (12) St. Joseph As Irin

1 box Perke-Davis Benzocaine Bandage (sm)

1 Large roll Johnson & Johnson Adhesive Tape

1 yellow box of acetaminophen, 5 grain tablets from Bradbury's Pharmacy, Louisville, Kentucky.

1 empty sack (5 lb.) of Epsom Salt

1 slip of paper marked 643ED W gray, initials W.G. on reverse side.

Shortly after the escape, the police received a report from Mr. FLOYD SMITH, 621 Woodland, which is in the immediate vicinity of the escape, stating that his 1940 Pontiac coupe, 1942 Missouri License #728-702, had been stolen. It was ascertained that the motor number of this car was #6-737,656. A general broadcast was put out by the police and highway patrol in which it was stated that it was believed possible that the fugitives had stolen this automobile and were making their get-a-way.

The next day, February 27, 1943, Miss IDA STOUT, 1605 Lister, Kansas City, Missouri, employed at the Office of Emergency Management, Mutual Building, advised the Kansas City Office that on Thursday, February 26, 1943, at about 8:30 P.M., SAMUEL RICKETTS called on her at her home address and made two inquiries: (1) where his wife resides and (2) where she is employed at the present time. It developed that Miss STOUT had been acquainted with KAY RICKETTS, maiden name CARROLL, for about the last fifteen years; that RICKETTS and his wife were married about one year ago; that KAY CARROLL had resided at 2619 East Tenth Street about one year previous to her marriage; that she continued to reside at that address for a period of about one year after her marriage to RICKETTS. Miss STOUT promised to notify the Kansas City Office in the event RICKETTS again contacted her.

On February 27, 1943, at 2:10 A.M., Mr. MAX MORRIS, Manager of Milton's Tap Room, Armour and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Office and stated that Subject BEVER had telephoned him asking for some money but that MORRIS refused to loan him any. MORRIS said BEVER said, "I have to get some money so we can find a place to stay in the colored district." Agent SCOTT immediately got in contact with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Detective Division, who had detectives take a appropriate check through the colored district, with negative results. He, likewise, in company with Agent CHARLES G. CARR, interviewed JULIA LEE, the colored singer at the Tap Room, who advised that she knew BEVER only casually and that he had never approached her with any request to any place he could hide out and that in the event he did, she would see that the Kansas City Office received notice of the same.

On March 1, 1943, arrangements were effected through the Special Agent in Charge so that the pictures of BEVER, RICKETTS, and RADKAY appeared in the Kansas City newspaper, together with an appropriate write-up.

Approximately at 5:30 P.M. on March 1, 1943, Special Agent WILTON B. DICKERSON recognized Fugitive RADKAY walking alone on Troost Avenue between the 3200 and 3300 block. Agent DICKERSON, who was accompanied by Agent EUSKEV B. LINES, then apprehended RADKAY and brought him to the Kansas City Field Office at 7:45 P.M.

Shortly thereafter, a telephone call was received by Special Agent in Charge DWIGHT BAILEY from Mr. JAMES DALY, Manager of the Amidor Hotel, 110 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. DALY stated that from observing the pictures of fugitives appearing in the Kansas City Star, he requested an agent to contact him as three men answering these descriptions had registered at his hotel at 12:25 A.M. on February 25, 1943. He identified the picture of RADKAY from the newspaper.

RADKAY, upon interview, said that he had been living at the Amidor Hotel with BEVER and RICKETTS, and that he expected they would return to the Amidor Hotel.

Special Agent ROBERT B. MILLER, accompanied by Special Agent WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY, learned from Mr. DALY that these three persons who had registered as ANDY WALKER, THOMAS PARTS, and PAUL YEAGER from Route #2, Parsons, Kansas, on the above date, had shortly before left the hotel. Each had left separately. Mr. DALY was unable to identify the fugitives as to the names used in registration. The title in this case as to BEVER, RADKAY, and RICKETTS will not be changed at this time to add the aliases.

Agents, together with members of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, were immediately stationed at this hotel, and surveillance kept for their return.

At 3:50 A.M., March 2, 1943, a telephone call was received by Special Agent MANSION at the Kansas City Office to the effect that BEVER and RICKETTS were hiding in a basement at 721 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri; that the person calling had put them there about two hours before. Upon pressing this person for additional information, he stated he could be interviewed at Frank's Lunch, 1700 Wyoming Street, as he refused to give his name. Thereafter, Special Agent MILLER confirmed this information by interviewing this person, learning that he was DELBERT GOTTEN, a taxicab driver for the Central Cab Company, 1600 Genesee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, he resides at 721 West Eleventh St.

At 4:05 A.M., March 2, 1943, Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. MILLER, and WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY, together with Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Detectives RAY MINNICK, TOM REDMAN, CLARENCE SKINNER, and WILLIAM FINN, proceeded to 721 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri, from the Kansas City Field Office. It was agreed that Agents CAMPBELL, MILLER, and MURPHY, accompanied by Detective SKINNER, would conduct the search of the basement at 721 West Eleventh Street, and that Agent O'MAHONEY and Detectives MINNICK, REDMAN, and FINN would cover the outside of the building. Fugitive RICKETTS was located hiding in the basement behind a door in the extreme southeast corner of the basement, and was taken into custody at approximately 5:30 A.M.

He was immediately questioned as to the whereabouts of Fugitive BEVER. RICKETTS stated BEVER had left about one hour before agents arrived; that BEVER was tired of living in the manner in which they had been forced to exist, and was separating from RICKETTS to make his own way, and to attempt to find another place to live. He stated BEVER would not be coming back to this address.

The remainder of the basement was thoroughly searched by Agents MURPHY and MILLER, and Detective SKINNER for fugitive BEVER with negative results. Thereafter, the halls of the building were searched by Agent MURPHY and Detective SKINNER for BEVER with negative results.

RICKETTS was then transported to the Kansas City Field Office by Agents CAMPBELL and MILLER, and Detectives FINK and SKINNER.

Agents MURPHY and O'MAHONEY, and Detectives MINNICK and REEDMAN then cruised the immediate neighborhood for BEVER with negative results.

RICKETTS, upon being questioned at the Kansas City Field Office by Special Agents R. E. MILLER and C. C. CAMPBELL, stated that BEVER, sometime after they had entered the basement at 721 West 11th Street, had called a Yellow Taxicab for the purpose of going to 1701 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, to see a Mr. CHESTER H. MACKE to obtain money so they could secure lodging. After waiting for a period of several minutes for the cab to respond to the call, BEVER, who was anxious to secure the money from MACKE before six o'clock in the morning, left the basement and went out on the street, advising RICKETTS that he was going down to Twelfth Street to see if he could hail a passing cab on the street, rather than wait for the cab he had called to show up. After BEVER had left the apartment as indicated, RICKETTS saw the Yellow Cab BEVER had called, stop at 721 West Eleventh Street, and he got in this cab and cruised around in the neighborhood for a few minutes looking for BEVER, and concluding that BEVER had been successful in getting another cab, returned to 721 West Eleventh Street, where he was eventually arrested.

It was later established that FRED JEWETT, 1404 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, was the cab driver on this particular occasion, and when interviewed by Special Agent WILSON R. DICKERSON, stated that he had received a call to pick up a man at 721 West Eleventh Street at approximately 5:57 A.M., March 2, 1943. He stated he picked this man up, and at his direction, cruised for a few minutes in the vicinity of that address, going up Eleventh Street to Washington, north on Washington to Tenth, West on Tenth to Jefferson, and around several other blocks. JEWETT said they returned to 721 West Eleventh Street at approximately 6:10 A.M., when he let his passenger out. Upon being shown photographs of all subjects, JEWETT identified this passenger as having been SAMUEL RICKETTS.

DELBERT GOREN, Apartment #2, 721 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is a driver for the Central Cab Company, 1600 Genesee, Kansas City, Missouri, stated to Agent O'MAHONEY that between 12:00 Midnight and 12:15 A.M. on the morning of March 2, 1943, he picked up BEVER, who was alone, at the corner of Tenth and Baltimore Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. GOREN stated he was going south on Baltimore and was stopped by the traffic light. BEVER came from the East side of Tenth Street and came also from the direction of Ninth Street. GOREN stated that he had been to 917 McGee, where he let a fare out, and that he was taking some baggage for his fare to the Bray Hotel; that when BEVER hailed his cab, GOREN asked him where he wanted to go, and BEVER said, "Kansas." GOREN said he had this stop to make at the Bray Hotel, and BEVER then inquired how long it would take; GOREN said just long enough to drop the baggage at the Porter's Desk, whereupon BEVER got into the cab, which stopped in front of the Bray Hotel a few moments later. GOREN states that they then drove West on Twelfth Street, and BEVER told him he wanted to go to 1706 Garfield, and asked GOREN if he knew where it was. GOREN said no, but that he would find out, and later did make an inquiry at a beer joint located on the southwest corner of Eighteenth and Central Streets, Kansas City, Kansas.

Upon receiving directions at this place, GOREN drove North on Eighteenth to Garfield, and turned right up the hill. He discovered there was no such address as 1706 Garfield. GOREN then parked his cab in front of 1716 Garfield, and BEVER walked up the hill.

GOREN states that when he reached 1716 Garfield in Kansas City, Kansas, his taxi meter read \$1.15, and that during the interim he was waiting for BEVER, the meter went up to \$1.55, indicating that he was there about twelve minutes. GOREN says he lost sight of BEVER when the latter went up the hill when he, BEVER, got out of the cab at 1716 Garfield.

GOREN states he turned the cab around and waited at the same place, and was of the opinion that he had lost his fare. After staying in front of 1716 Garfield for the twelve minutes as indicated, GOREN next saw BEVER coming from the direction of the East, and BEVER approached the cab and again got in it.

GOREN states that during the ride from Kansas City, Missouri to Kansas City, Kansas, BEVER had stated that he didn't know whether he had money enough to pay for the cab fare; that he was going to get it when he was going. However, when BEVER came back to the cab at 1716 Garfield, he was complaining and cussing, and told

GOBEN to drive back to Kansas City, Missouri and let him off where he had picked him up. He also stated he was only able to get a "saw buck". He also said that he knew good and well that the fellow he had seen had the money; that what he should have done, was to have taken it away from him.

On the return trip from Kansas City, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri, GOBEN was stopped by a traffic light at Twelfth and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, and at this point, BEVER told him to drive to Thirteenth and Park where he had a friend to pick up. GOBEN said he turned around, while his cab was stopped, talking to his fare, and it was at this point that he recognized BEVER. After BEVER had been recognized by GOBEN, BEVER said, "I see you are still cab driving."

GOBEN stated he then drove BEVER to Thirteenth and Park, where they picked up another man. However, GOBEN states he never did get a good look at this passenger, and did not recognize him as anyone he had previously known, but was apparently RICKETTS.

GOBEN further advised that he had known BEVER for several years when BEVER was employed at the Huchlebach Hotel as a porter.

After they picked up RICKETTS at Thirteenth and Park, GOBEN states they drove back to turn in the vicinity of Ninth and Broadway, where BEVER told GOBEN to drive to Eighth and Paseo. GOBEN was questioned about the conversation that ensued between BEVER and RICKETTS while they were driving in the cab. He states they were talking in a low undertone, and he was unable to catch any but a small part of their conversation. He said he did hear BEVER say to RICKETTS, "G-----D-----I don't know what we'll do." That GOBEN also heard BEVER say that he couldn't get the money, and also, "We ain't even got no rods."

GOBEN states that at the direction of BEVER, he then drove to 711 Paseo, where BEVER went into the hallway of the building. He came out immediately and said, "their name isn't even on the register." BEVER then went to 723 Paseo, which is the adjoining building, and came back and said, "Let's go to the Belmont," at 704 East Tenth Street. He also stated that "Johnny" worked at that place. However, he also made the statement that "The other fellow was working at Pratt's, and wouldn't be here until the morning," and that "there wasn't any use in trying to see him then."

GOBEN states that he then drove to 704 East Tenth Street, and at BEVER'S direction, went to the bartender and told him to come out; that a fellow outside wanted to see him. GOBEN remained in the Belmont while the bartender went out to the cab, and while the bartender was talking to BEVER in the rear of the cab, GOBEN came out. GOBEN heard BEVER ask the bartender if he knew where he could get a room, and the bartender told him that he didn't.

BEVER and RICKETTS then said, "Let's go", and they then started off. GOBEN heard BEVER state he didn't even know the bartender, indicating that it was not the JOHNNY he was looking for.

GOBEN states BEVER then stated he wanted something to eat, and GOBEN drove them down to the bottoms near his cab stand at Sixteenth and Genesee Streets; that he stopped at Seventeenth and Wyoming at Frank's Lunch, but BEVER said he didn't want to go in there.

While riding around on this last occasion, BEVER asked GOBEN if he still lived at the same place, and GOBEN replied that he did. BEVER then asked him if they had a basement in the apartment building and GOBEN said it was just like any other apartment building, that of course it had a basement. Shortly thereafter, GOBEN states he let BEVER and RICKETTS off at Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, and he fixes the time at about 1:30 or 1:35 A.M. In this case, BEVER paid GOBEN \$4.55; four one dollar bills, and fifty-five cents in change. BEVER said he would have given him, GOBEN, a tip if he had more money, but that he had no more.

GOBEN states that after he let BEVER and RICKETTS out at Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, he watched them walk in the direction of 721 West Eleventh Street, and waited until he saw them go up the stairway into the apartment building, where GOBEN has his residence. GOBEN stated he was satisfied then that BEVER and RICKETTS were going to stay in the basement.

GOBEN says after he saw BEVER and RICKETTS go up on the porch of 721 West Eleventh Street, he turned right on Eleventh Street to Washington, south on Washington to Tenth, and then went west to the cab stand at Sixteenth and Genesee Streets, where he picked up another load, which he drove to Melody Land, located at Blue Ridge Road and Fifteenth Streets, and that he later drove to the Paradise Night Club, located on #40 Highway. It was at the Paradise Club that GOBEN saw the Kansas City paper with the pictures of RADKAY.



RICKETTS, and BEVER on the front page. This was about 3:20 in the morning, and after leaving the Paradise Club, he drove back to Seventeenth and Wyoming, reaching there about 3:45 A.M. from which place he called the Kansas City Office. He stated he still had the passengers with him at Frack's Lunch while he was waiting for the agent to contact him from this office, and that his passengers were continually complaining; nevertheless, he remained there until he was contacted by the agent, and furnished him the information.

GOSEN stated that after he had told the agent of his suspicions that BEVER and RICKETTS were in the basement of 721 West Eleventh Street, he started off with his passengers again, and drove them around and finally drove in the vicinity of Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, where he saw BEVER standing on the southeast corner of the intersection. At this time BEVER tried to flag GOSEN down, but because he had passengers in his cab, GOSEN did not stop. He stated that he would have called the office again and informed them of the fact that he had seen BEVER at Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, except that he had just a short time previously furnished information to an agent, and he figured that the officers would be in that vicinity or cruising around and would pick BEVER up.

GOSEN states that is the last time he saw BEVER, and he fixes this time at 7:00 A.M., and that he has no further information regarding the whereabouts of BEVER, since this time on March 2, 1943.

GOSEN stated that he is anxious to see BEVER apprehended as he is sure that BEVER realizes he put them on the spot. GOSEN says he will do all in his power to assist in the apprehension of BEVER, and will immediately report anything that comes to his attention which would be of assistance to this office.

Mr. FRID MALLOT, 721 West Eleventh Street, advised he lives in the basement apartment and is a part-time janitor at that address. He stated that at 1:55 A.M., March 2, 1943, he went out to fix the furnace fire and saw two men standing by the furnace. When he asked them what they were doing in the basement, they told him they had been sent there by the taxicab driver who lived upstairs, and who had told them they should wait for him. MALLOT said he told them they should wait in the lobby, but they insisted the cab driver had told them to wait in the basement. MALLOT thought he saw a gun in the jacket pocket of one of the men, so he said nothing more and went back to his apartment. He identified the photograph of RICKETTS as being one of the men.

MALLOT stated he did not hear any telephone calls being made from the public phone in the hall upstairs, and that he did not see anyone leave the basement, but that when he went to fix the fire about 4:30 A.M., there was no one near the furnace.

SAMUEL RICKETTS and WILLIAM RADKAY were fingerprinted in the Kansas City Field Office, and positive identification effected. There was found in possession of WILLIAM RADKAY the following property:

Currency and silver.....\$3.85  
1 key.....Yale Junior #10  
1 Empty book of Arrow Matches  
1 Roll Park-Davis Adhesive Tape  
1 Aspirin box containing one Aspirin  
1 "A" Ration book #569279, issued to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON,  
3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
1 "C" Ration Book, back cover, only; has name of  
Dr. CLOYCE WILSON  
1 Roll Red Cross adhesive tape  
1 Mercurochrome  
1 Receipt #2586, from the Jewish Hospital, Louisville,  
Kentucky, for \$5.00.  
1 Blank Prescription form from Jones Apothecary,  
Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, 316 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

The personal property was later turned to the United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri.

The "A" and "C" Gasoline Ration Books belonging to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, the Yale Junior Key, the receipt from the Jewish Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, and the blank from Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, Louisville, Kentucky, are being sent to the Cincinnati Field Office.

RADKAY was interviewed in the Kansas City Field Office by Special Agent ALBERT E. FA-LAND during the night of March 1, 1943. An effort was made to obtain a statement from him relative to his actions and movements since his escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio on February 12, 1943. RADKAY refused to make a statement, but intermittently he gave the following information; this interview was listened to by Special Agent JOHN B. WHITE and Special Agent DANNON W. PITCHER, who were not visible, but were sitting within hearing distance:

RADKAY stated that on the night he, RICKETTS, BEVER and the two P. SONS brothers escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, they had called a guard to the cell, stating the water was running over; that the guard came in with a colored trusty and they attacked the guard, took the keys away from him and put him in the cell. They then went to the other corridor in the jail and took the guard from this corridor, and put him in the cell; that they later went to the upper tier of the cells, where they got the matron, brought her down and put her in the cell with the other guards. RADKAY said this matron and the other two guards, who were placed in the cells, were not beaten by them; that they then went

to the front where the turnkey was, and pounded on the door; that RYAN opened the door and he began to fight by attempting to strike them with a bunch of keys; they then ganged him and beat him up. RADKAY said they then got into the elevator and went to the upper floor, where they met someone in the hallway and asked how they could get out and were told to get out the way they came in. He stated they did not molest this party; that they went to the elevator and went to the second floor and out a window onto a garage roof, where they dropped to the ground, a distance of about twenty-five feet. RADKAY said he landed on his heel and believed he fractured it. They then found the big gates had been locked, necessitating that they go through a toilet and out through another door of the building; after getting out of the jail yard, they saw a Chevrolet car, which they took.

RADKAY said they left the two PARSONS boys shortly after leaving the jail, as they did not want them along; that while going through the City Park, they heard sirens and police cars, and the police officers fired a number of shots at them, but none of them hit them.

RADKAY said they abandoned the Chevrolet and held up a doctor, whom they later released; however, they kept his car after taking a considerable sum of money from him, the exact amount of which he would not say. They then proceeded on to Louisville, Kentucky, where RADKAY stated they placed this doctor's car in a garage and abandoned it there.

While in Louisville, they purchased a few articles of clothing. RADKAY bought a zipper jacket, which he had on at the time he was taken into custody; they had tried to obtain possession of firearms, but were unable to purchase any and had thought of holding up a policeman; that is, one man would walk up to him and engage him in conversation and the other two would strong-arm him from the rear. However, no opportunity came to do this.

RADKAY said they then stole in Louisville, Kentucky a Pontiac car and came to Kansas City, Missouri in it; which is the same car that was wrecked at the time of the shooting affray with the Kansas City Police Officers on Friday night February 27, 1943. RADKAY said he was shot in the heel, but not away, and they all returned separately to the Auditor Hotel, Kansas City. RADKAY admits while at Louisville he had called on a doctor relative to the injury of his right heel.

RADKAY was questioned relative to the bank robbery in Cincinnati, but denied being implicated in anyway; however, during the conversation, he was asked whether or not the bank that was robbed was a State Bank or a Federal Bank, and he distinctly stated, it was a Federal Bank. He stated that a job had been pulled by them in Buffalo or Niagara Falls, New York, but he refused to make any statement as to the nature of this job. He was questioned as to whether or not they had

stolen a car in Kansas City, Missouri after the shooting affray, and he denied they had. He refused to give any information leading to the possible whereabouts of BEVER or RICKETTS.

RADKAY was subsequently interviewed during the early morning of March 2, 1943 by Special Agents F. L. BRUCCIANI and D. C. FRANKEL. RADKAY admitted participating in the theft of the doctor's automobile in Cincinnati, which was driven by BEVER in company of RICKETTS and himself to Louisville, Kentucky where it was abandoned. A pontiac car was then stolen, bearing Kentucky plates, which RADKAY said was driven to St. Louis, Missouri. In St. Louis, Missouri, plates were stolen from another car and put on the Pontiac, and they then drove to Kansas City, Missouri where it was abandoned on Friday night, February 26, 1943 during the shooting by the Kansas City Police.

SAMUEL RICKETTS had in his possession the following property:

- \$ .76 in small change
- 1 small "Master" key - bearing "Milwaukee USA Master Lock Co."
- 1 "C" Ration book cover #F659032U2, issued to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1 "C" Ration book cover #F659031U2, issued to Dr. WILSON
- 1 Fire Marshal's Badge, reading: "Dist. Marshal Cincinnati Fire Department; on the back appears: "St. Paul Bell Aug. 19-99"
- 1 Pad St. Regis Paper
- 19 plain white envelopes

The \$.76 in change was turned over to the United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri. The other evidence is being sent to the Cincinnati Field Office under separate cover.

RICKETTS was questioned intermittently in the Kansas City Field Office by Agents MANSON, MILLER, and CAMPBELL. He refused to give a written statement, but orally gave the following:

RICKETTS stated "RED" BEVER told him he had stolen a car on the night of the shooting affray in Kansas City and believed it was a Chevrolet car and was stored in a private garage in the vicinity of 36th and Forest. He said he had not seen the car. He had no information to give as to the location of the possible whereabouts of BEVER.

RICKETTS was later interviewed after being taken to the County Jail in Kansas City, Missouri by Agents SCOTT and MILLER, at which time RICKETTS stated the Chrysler sedan stolen from Dr. CLOYCE WILSON in Cincinnati was placed in a private garage near 10th Avenue and First Streets, Louisville. This garage opens on the alley, has a composition and paper roof, and doors are locked with a lock described as the type of lock made of laminated strips. Also near this corner, exact location not known,

the 1937 Pontiac coupe, which was wrecked in Kansas City was stolen during daylight, date not recalled, from a public storage garage by REVER and RADKAY, who entered the garage and drove the car out of it. The Louisville Field Office was requested to endeavor to recover the Chrysler and verify the theft of the Pontiac by teletype dated March 3, 1943.

Appropriate logs were kept for TICKETS and RADKAY while being held at the Kansas City Field Office.

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At one point during the interview with TICKETS by Agent MILLER he was questioned concerning the actions of the Doctor shortly after he was kidnaped by the Subjects, and he laughingly stated that "the Doc was a good old boy - he was all right - I told him we hated to do it, but we had to do it under the circumstances, and he stated, 'I don't blame you,' and went on to state that he 'had done lots of mean things in his life and he supposed they were just now catching up with him.' He stated further that the Doctor was tied up, placed on a mattress and covered with blankets and other covers in the abandoned house where they had been staying immediately after their escape from the jail in Cincinnati, and at which place they remained for four or five days. He described this place as a house which had apparently previously been occupied by a family and stated it had a quantity of canned goods and other edibles stored in the house; and when questioned as to what they did with no heat, he stated there was sufficient cover and clothes in the house to satisfy their needs. He stated it was in this house they obtained the fireman's uniform, together with the badge, which was found and removed from his shirt pocket at the time of his arrest, which bore the inscription on its face: "DIST. MARSHAL, CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT."

Subsequently at the County Jail during the interview, which Agents MILLER and SCOTT had with TICKETS, he was questioned as to disposition of the money which he obtained from the instant bank, and he stated that he kept all of his share; that approximately \$1700.00 was taken from his person at the time of his arrest; when questioned as to whether or not they actually split the proceeds of the bank robbery three ways, he stated, "Assuming that we robbed the bank, it was split three ways." He thereafter went on orally admitting in detail the manner in which he escaped from the jail at Cincinnati; that immediately following their escape they commandeered an automobile as described in the reference reports; that one of the PALSTES boys ran off down the street and that the boy described by them as being deserted accompanied them in the car up to the point where the police started firing at them in a park. TICKETS was again questioned about the treatment afforded the doctor shortly after he was kidnaped at the hospital, and he reiterated his previous statements to the effect that the doctor was treated all right; that he was only tied up and covered in the house. At this point, TICKETS suddenly stopped

talking and stated: "I'm not going to say anymore about the Doctor because I do not know whether he is alive now or not." At the time of RICKETTS' arrest, there were removed from his hip pocket several white envelopes and a small writing pad, commonly purchased in a dime store, and he stated that this material was purchased by RADKAY to be used in writing the letter to the Cincinnati police concerning the whereabouts of the Doctor. He stated he positively did not write the letter; that the letter was written by Subject RADKAY.

There were some figures appearing on the first sheet of the writing pad, and RICKETTS stated these figures were his, which were made as a result of his figuring gasoline mileage between Louisville and Kansas City on the stolen Pontiac automobile.

RICKETTS stated to Agent MILLER that following their arrival in Louisville, they rented a garage previously described in this report, and stored the Chrysler automobile during the day time. They then proceeded to buy five-gallon gasoline containers from filling stations; they would drive out in the night time, fill up the tank on the Chrysler automobile, drive to some secluded spot, drain all the gasoline out and fill the previously purchased five-gallon containers. When all of them were filled, amounting to approximately forty-five gallons of gasoline, they then stole a Pontiac, rented another garage and after being there approximately six days, started driving toward Kansas City; and it was, therefore, unnecessary for them to buy a single gallon of gasoline en route from Louisville to Kansas City.

The key to the Chrysler automobile, RICKETTS stated, was thrown away.

On March 2, 1943, on authorization of United States Attorney MAURICE L. WILLIAMS, Kansas City, Missouri, who declined all prosecution in this District as to Subjects because of the more serious charges pending in the Cincinnati District, a fugitive complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner CHARLES H. THOMPSON, which complaint is based upon a complaint filed before the U. S. Commissioner, Cincinnati, Ohio on November 3, 1942, charging RADKAY and RICKETTS with violation of Section 588b, Title 12, U.S.C.A., and also with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

The United States Attorney suggested to the U. S. Commissioner that the bond of each be fixed at \$50,000.00. Warrants were issued by the U. S. Commissioner upon the filing of this complaint by Special Agent MILTON J. WILLIAMS, Kansas City. The United States Marshal took them into custody, and they were taken immediately before the U. S. Commissioner, where they entered plea of not guilty and waived hearing; and were in default of bond committed to the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri.

On March 4, 1943, the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri, removed RADKAY and RICKETTS from Kansas City, Missouri to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Agents O'MHONEY and HARVEY DAURELL TAYLOR, together with Kansas City, Kansas Detectives JOSEPH SHICK, GILBERT RODDINGTON, W. E. WALLOP and HURLEY PALMER, located CHAS. H. MACKE at his Service Station located at 701 Simpson Street, Kansas City, Kansas. MACKE accompanied the above-mentioned agents and officers to the Kansas City, Kansas Police Headquarters where he was questioned. MACKE stated that on Sunday, February 28, 1943, at about 9:00 or 9:30 P.M., he was at his residence, 1705 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, and he received a telephone call from WILLIE RADKAY. MACKE stated he has known the RADKAY family for a number of years, and that the elder RADKAY trades at his filling station. MACKE stated that at the time WILLIE RADKAY called him on Sunday night, after RADKAY had made himself known to MACKE, RADKAY told MACKE he wanted him to contact his father and tell him that he "wanted it all." MACKE stated that he inquired of RADKAY why he didn't call his father on the telephone, to which RADKAY replied that he was afraid that his father's telephone line was tapped. MACKE then asked him why he didn't visit his father himself and get the money, and RADKAY replied that he had a bad foot. MACKE then inquired what he was supposed to do with the money if he did get it from the elder RADKAY, and WILLIE RADKAY stated that there would be a woman come to his house after it. MACKE stated that he told WILLIE RADKAY that he would see what he could do.

WILLIE RADKAY had also informed MACKE at the time he made the request of MACKE to contact his father, that he would again contact him to see whether MACKE had been successful in obtaining the money.

CHAS. H. MACKE stated that he had made no particular attempt to contact the elder RADKAY, but that on Monday afternoon, March 1, 1943, the elder RADKAY drove into MACKE's Filling Station at 701 Simpson Street, Kansas City, Kansas, at about 5:00 P.M., and that MACKE told him at the time that he had received a telephone call from WILLIE RADKAY in which he was instructed to contact Mr. RADKAY for the purpose of obtaining money.

The elder RADKAY stated that "he didn't want to have anything to do with WILLIE; that he was through with him." MACKE stated there was no further conversation regarding this matter.

MACKE stated that he received no more telephone calls from WILLIE RADKAY, but on Monday night, March 1, 1943, at about 10:00 or 10:30 P.M. he was again called at his residence, and the person calling at this time said, "This is WILLIE'S buddy," and inquired whether MACKE had seen the "old man." MACKE stated he replied, "No," and that the conversation ended abruptly.

MACKIE stated that he went to bed about 11:30 or 1:00 o'clock on the morning of March 2, 1933, and awoke about 5:00 o'clock in the morning. He was called from his bed by a knock on the door, and that when he went to the door, there was a man standing on the front porch who stated he was looking for EUGENE MACKIE. MACKIE states he told the man to step in, and when the man had entered his house, he inquired whether MACKIE had seen the "old man," meaning the elder RATHAY. MACKIE told this individual, whom he identified from a photograph as being Subject BEVER, that he had not contacted the elder RATHAY, whereupon BEVER stated that he and WILLIE were really in need of the money and he also stated that he didn't know that he was going to use to pay the cab bill and buy food; that they were really hungry. MACKIE states that he noticed a Yellow Cab parked out in the street in front of his residence at 1703 Fairfield, Kansas City, Kansas. MACKIE stated that he told BEVER that he could let him have \$13.00, and that he went into the next room and got his pocketbook, and gave him a \$5.00 bill, one five \$1.00 bills, and that after he gave the money to BEVER, the latter turned and left immediately.

CHIEF... MACKIE was not prepared as to the reason why he had not informed this Bureau or police authorities that he had been contacted by RATHAY and his associates in their effort to obtain money, and stated that he had neglected to do so as he was so nervous and upset. He stated that he was so upset that he was almost out of his mind. He admitted that he knew that RATHAY had been in trouble for the reason that RATHAY's father, shortly after RATHAY and his associates were arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, had informed him that his son was again in trouble. MACKIE further stated that on Sunday night, after receiving the telephone call from WILLIE RATHAY, he was so upset that he started drinking, and that he had offered a woman acquaintance of his, Mrs. DOLOREY MACKIE, Apartment #12, 514 East Eighteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and that he had told Mrs. MACKIE that he was going to have received this telephone call from RATHAY, and that he had informed her that it was that RATHAY had asked him to do. MACKIE stated that Mrs. MACKIE advised him that he had better forget it or anything to do with RATHAY now, and that in order to avoid further contact with them, it would be better if he up and leave his room as well as possible, so that they could not be able to contact him.

Mrs. MACKIE, who was later contacted by Agents R. J. THOMAS and W. F. O'NEAL, corroborated this statement of MACKIE.

MACKIE further stated that he had received no answer from any members of the gang, but stated that he would do all in his power to assist this Bureau in locating and causing the apprehension of the remaining members of the gang still at large, HARRY W. ...



CHESTER H. MACHE was booked by the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department on March 2, 1943, on a vagrancy and investigation charge for the investigation of a possible Harboring violation. The facts developed in this investigation, which are briefly set out above, were presented to Assistant United States Attorney EUGENE DAVIS at Topeka, Kansas, who declined to prosecute. The Harboring Case against CHESTER H. MACHE is being set out in a separate file in the Kansas City Field Division, File No. 76-1154.

On March 3, 1943, CHESTER H. MACHE was released from custody of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department.

Reference is made to the interview with GOREN in which he states that BEVER, upon returning to the taxicab at 1716 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, told him that all he had been able to obtain was a "saw buck." (Page 13)

It should be further noted that GOREN also stated that after they had picked up RICKETTS at Thirteenth and Park, Kansas City, Missouri, he overheard part of the conversation between the two subjects, and that BEVER told RICKETTS that he had been unable to get the money.

CHESTER H. MACHE was subsequently interviewed at 10:30 A.M., March 6, 1943, and he emphatically denied that he had given BEVER any money except as previously stated; namely, that when BEVER came to his house about 5:00 o'clock in the morning of March 2, 1943, he had given him \$10.00, one \$5.00 bill, and five \$1.00 bills.

It would appear, therefore, that GOREN's statement may be inaccurate in that he has been influenced by the account in the newspapers relative to the \$10.00 transaction pertaining to MACHE, it having appeared in the newspaper that BEVER had contacted MACHE, driving to his residence from Kansas City, Missouri in a taxicab for the purpose of obtaining \$10.00.

WILLIAM ISAAC RADNAY, 2500 North Tenth Street, Kansas City, Kansas, who is the foster father of Subject RADNAY, was interviewed by Special Agent HARRY EDWARD MORRIS, JR. on March 5, 1943 in an effort to obtain any contacts or associates which might be known to him, or any information he might possess which might be furnished by Subject RADNAY to Subject BEVER.

Mr. RADNAY advised that they adopted Subject RADNAY when he was four years of age; that they had given him a high school education, and made everything possible for him which they were financially able to do. They stated that since subject graduated from high school, he has been constantly in trouble; that they did all in their power to prevent such,

but were unable to do so. Mr. RATKAY stated that when Subject returned from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, he secured a position for him at the Kansas City Structural Steel Company, where he was employed for approximately one year.

Mr. RATKAY stated that he gave Subject a 1934 Model Dodge automobile, which was valued at \$300; that Subject had traded this Dodge for a Pontiac in Kansas City, Missouri; that the subject had paid the difference in regular monthly payments during the time he was working for the Kansas City Structural Steel Company. He stated that subject had then traded the Pontiac for a 1940 Buick, which was placed in the name of Mrs. MARY RATKAY, and that Mrs. RATKAY and Subject RADKAY made payments on this car up until it was returned to the Simmons-Wiles Motor Company, where it was purchased, and that Mrs. RATKAY had received approximately \$800 cash for this car. Mr. RATKAY stated that this was the money paid to the bondsman on March 19, 1942, by the name of JOE CERISE, and that such payment was made in the amount of \$500.00, a Cashier's check obtained from the Kaw Valley Bank, Kansas City, Kansas. He stated that further information regarding this check could be obtained from Mr. LUIS HOLCOMB at this bank.

Mr. RATKAY advised that he had not, to this date, been contacted by JOE CERISE, nor had CERISE requested from him any additional money with regard to payment on this bond, which was in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. RATKAY advised that at the present time he has very little money, and does most of his banking business with the Kaw State Bank, and also has approximately \$50.00 in the Commercial National Bank, both Kansas City, Kansas. He stated he does not have any money in his home, nor does he have a safety deposit box.

Mr. RATKAY advised that he and his wife are both employed by the Armour Packing Company, and that their weekly income totalled approximately \$50.00; that they have been employed there for many years. He further stated he purchased his home at his present address in 1918, and has lived there continuously since that time. Mr. RATKAY stated that at approximately 5:30 P.M. on Monday, March 1, he was in MACKIE's Service Station having his car serviced, and MACKIE mentioned to him the fact that he had been contacted the night before by Subject RADKAY, and RADKAY had requested that he, MACKIE, contact Mr. RATKAY and obtain financial assistance from him.

Mr. RATKAY stated he told MACKIE that he did not want to have anything whatsoever to do with "WILLIE", meaning Subject RADKAY; that he was completely through with him.

There was no additional comments with regard to this matter between MACKIE and RATKAY. However, Mr. RATKAY stated that the following day,

Tuesday, March 2, 1943, he mentioned this conversation which he had had with RATKAY to his wife, MARY RATKAY, but such had gone no further.

In an effort to obtain associates of Subject RADKAY, a request was made of Mr. RATKAY, and he furnished the names of HELEN SAITHEN (phonetic) whose address he did not know, and that of CATHERINE PAYBAC, now deceased. He stated he knew that Subject RADKAY had had nothing whatsoever to do with HELEN SAITHEN since his return from Jefferson City, and was certain that he would not make any effort to contact her. Mr. RATKAY stated he did not know Subject PEVER, or Subject RICKETTS, and that they had not made an effort to contact either he or his wife, and also made the assurance to Agent MORRIS that he, Mr. RATKAY, would immediately contact this office should such occur. He stated they both sincerely regretted they had adopted Subject RADKAY, and that he had been nothing but grief and trouble to them, and they were pleased to see him in jail, and as far as they were concerned, they were entirely through with him, and wanted to have nothing else to do with him.

Mr. and Mrs. RATKAY were questioned concerning "the woman" referred to in the conversation between Subject RADKAY and MACKIE on the night of February 28, 1943 in the telephone call made by RADKAY to MACKIE in an effort to ascertain her identity. This inquiry met with negative results.

Both Mr. and Mrs. RATKAY stated they would be more than willing to furnish any information to this office at any time they were requested to do so, and assured they would give this office their complete cooperation in all matters concerning instant case.

Mr. J. G. PAYNE, Assistant Personnel Manager, Kansas City Structural Steel Company, Twenty-first and Metropolitan, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that Subject RADKAY had been continuously employed by that company on the Crane and Assembly lines from December 27, 1940 to December 15, 1941; that his salary averaged approximately \$22.00 per week. He listed his previous employment as Armour Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas from January, 1928 to October, 1931, and a Parker Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company from June, 1935 to October, 1940, but there was nothing on these records derogatory concerning him, and from all appearances, his employment was entirely satisfactory.

Subsequent information was received relating to the attempts by BEVER and RICKETTS to contact CHESTER A. RICKS. On March 10, 1943, Special Agents DICKERSON and SCOTT located KENNETH JEFFERSON TURNER, which name was furnished by CARLENE RENEE O'DELL, 3814 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, wife of BUDDY O'DELL, now serving a penitentiary sentence in New York State, and who is a friend of BEVER.

KENNETH JEFFERSON TURNER, 3009 Peory, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed by Agents DICKERSON and SCOTT. TURNER advised that he was the man known as KAY TURNER. He stated he was employed at the Ambrose Wine Company, 902 Woodswether Road, Kansas City, Missouri, as a workman on the loading dock.

TURNER stated that he knew RICKETTS and RADKAY rather well, but BEVER only slightly. He said that on the morning of March 1, 1943, shortly before noon, while he was at work he received a phone call from Subject WILLIS RADKAY. He stated that WILLIS asked him where he lived and said that he wanted to come to his house to get some help. TURNER said he refused to give his residence address to RADKAY, but told him he was living with other people. TURNER stated that the next time he heard from the subjects was at approximately 7:00 p.m. on the same day, when he received a phone call from SAMUEL RICKETTS at his home (telephone Chestnut 1913). RICKETTS at this time asked him to meet them at the Isis Theater, corner 31st and Troost. TURNER said RICKETTS told him that WILLIS was hurt and that they were hot and had to leave the Amador Hotel where they had been staying. TURNER said RICKETTS told him they had to get off the streets. TURNER said he promised to come to the Isis Theater, and then RICKETTS hung up. TURNER stated that he did not intend to go to the Isis Theater at all, and that he waited at home for approximately four hours until RICKETTS called again at 11:00 p.m. TURNER said this time RICKETTS was very insistent that he come to the Isis Theater immediately.

and take them over to 1706 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, where RICKETTS stated they had some money which they could get. He said RICKETTS stated they had plenty of money over at this Garfield address if they could only get to it, and after they got that money they would be all set. He said RICKETTS refused to tell him the name of the man who had the money for them. TURNER stated his wife insisted on accompanying him, and that they drove from his home at 3009 Peory to Troost, and then to the corner of 31st and Troost. He said that as they pulled up at the corner in front of the Isis Theater, they saw SAMUEL RICKETTS and another man walking across 31st from the side entrance of the Isis Theater towards the car stand and climb into a cab and drive away. TURNER said that was at approximately 11:15 p.m., 3/1/43, and that he has not seen or heard from any of the subjects since.

TURNER advised that he was arrested with EDDY O'BELL in 1935 on a charge of first degree murder, and that he was acquitted, while EDDY O'BELL was sentenced to a ten-year term in Jefferson City. He stated this was his only criminal record.

TURNER stated he has no information on any possible contacts of "RED" BEVER, except that BEVER and RICKETTS used to hang out in the pool room at the corner of 15th and Prospect, which was formerly run by JOE SCHULE, and at the Paris Inn, next door to this pool room, run by CURTIS GIBSON.

TURNER stated the reason he did not notify the FBI office or the police concerning these phone calls was that he was afraid of the subjects at first, and that later he was afraid he would get himself into trouble by revealing his connection with these subjects. He advised that his brother-in-law, EDDY FRANCE, who is employed as a fireman by the city, would be able to give further information concerning these subjects as he knew them rather well.

This information is also being set forth in the separate file above referred to in the harboring case against CHESTER A. MACKO, Kansas City Field Division File No. 76-1154, as it appears that MACKO has or knows about funds which subjects have told TURNER and other persons were available to them from or through MACKO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RUSKIN R. LINES:

On March 3, 1943 EDA WITHERS, Bainbridge Hotel, 900 East Armour, Kansas City, Missouri, related that she had been advised on March 2, 1943 by PAULINE STAMPS, 3831 Campbell, that on the night of Saturday, February 27, 1943, a bartender by the name of KEENEY had taken \$10 to Subject BEVER at the time BEVER was living at the Amidor Hotel.

LAM HOURS, operator of Wiltons Tap Room, 3511 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, thereafter advised that he believed the bartender referred to as KEENEY was KEENEITH CONKLIN, a bartender at the College Inn Supper Club, 127 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and who resides at 4521 Prospect, Kansas City, Mo.

Thereafter, KEENEITH CONKLIN, was interviewed by Special Agent LINES and Special Agent RICHARD C. SAMPSON, at which time a signed statement was obtained from CONKLIN concerning his activities in connection with this case. It is to be noted that an individual file is being opened on Subject CONKLIN for violation of the Federal Harboring Statute and accordingly only a summarization of the information developed is being submitted in this report.

CONKLIN related that on Saturday, February 27, 1943, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Subject BEVER telephoned him while he was working as a bartender at the College Inn Supper Club. At that time BEVER asked CONKLIN if he would lend him some money to pay "room rent". CONKLIN advised that he would give him such a loan and suggested that BEVER come down to the College Inn to get the money. BEVER advised he could not do so at that particular time but would see him later in the evening. The first telephone conversation was terminated at that point.

Thereafter at about 10 P.M. Subject BEVER again telephoned CONKLIN at which time BEVER pointed out that he would be unable to come down to the College Inn Supper Club to get the money, and requested that CONKLIN bring the money to the place where BEVER was staying. At that time BEVER pointed out he was staying in Room 3 of the Amidor Hotel, 1106 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Again BEVER pointed out that he wanted this money for room rent. CONKLIN agreed to the proposition.

Thereafter, at about one o'clock A.M. on February 28, 1943, CONKLIN went to the Amidor Hotel, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER (WIFE PAULINE) STAMPS and ROSE PARIS. This group went in the automobile belonging to Mr. STAMPS. Upon arrival at the hotel only CONKLIN went to the room occupied by Subject BEVER. At that time he gave BEVER a \$10 bill and observed that Subjects RADWAY and RICKETS were in this room also. CONKLIN was not acquainted with

these latter two individuals, however due to the circumstances, he believed they were fugitives from some law enforcement agency and BEVER at that time himself advised CONKLIN "we're hot". CONKLIN remained in the room only for a few minutes and departed in view of the fact he did not wish to become involved in any activities with these individuals due to the fact that they were fugitives from justice. He did not make any contact with any of these individuals after that date. He did not report this incident to any law enforcement agency or to the Kansas City Office of the Bureau. CONKLIN advises that he will cooperate in any way possible in order to determine BEVER'S present whereabouts and effect his apprehension.

On March 2, 1943 at about 6:00 P.M., information was received from the Police Department that THELMA MARTIN, 706 West 13th Street, had information indicating that DELBERT GOREN, cab driver for the Central Cab Company, 1800 Genessee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, had been at her home on Tuesday, February 23, 1943, with a person she believes she identifies as SAMUEL RICHETTS. It was further indicated that she had information regarding two other individuals who were supposed to be in the taxicab which remained parked in front of her residence. GOREN, the cab driver, introduced the person she believes to be SAMUEL RICHETTS as "DON", last name not given.

When the cab driver DELBERT GOREN was interviewed by Agent O'MAHONEY, he was questioned regarding the identity of DON and advised that this is a bartender, whose last name he does not know, but who formerly was employed at the Belleriv. in the Zachry Room, also that this same DON had been a bartender at the 7-11 Club at 12th and Summit Streets, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. THELMA MARTIN was interviewed on March 5, 1943 by Agent WILLIAM E. O'MAHONEY and she stated at this time that she is positive that it was on the morning of February 23, 1943 that GOREN and the man he introduced to her as "DON" came to her apartment; that they had both been drinking heavily.

It is noted from this investigation that fugitives were, apparently, in St. Louis, Missouri on this date as they had stolen the license plates on the car which was wrecked in the shooting affray in Kansas City on February 25, 1943.

This fact, together with the information obtained from GOREN that the person he introduced as DON is actually a bartender who has been located in Kansas City, Missouri for the past several months, appears to indicate that the report of Mrs. THELMA MARTIN is unfounded.

From the information furnished by Subject RICKETTS to the effect that a stolen automobile had been stored in a garage at Thirty-Sixth and Forest, Kansas City, Missouri, Special Agents CAMPBELL and WHITE located the garage owned by Mrs. SIMON P. WMSCHIED, 3604 Forest. She advised that on Friday, February 26, 1943, she had rented her garage to a man who gave the name of WALKER, whom she positively identified as Subject BEVER when photographs were exhibited to her of BEVER. She stated he paid the rent of the garage for one month in the amount of \$2.50 and left. At that time he rented the garage, he was accompanied by two other men. Later, a car was put in the garage, but she did not know when this was done. The car was inspected, and determined to be a 1940 Pontiac Coupe, maroon in color, bearing 1942 Missouri License Plates #728-902, and Motor Number #6-737,655. A search of this car revealed nothing of value other than the identification papers belonging to the owner, whose name is FLOYD SCOTT.

Therefore, this is the automobile that was stolen a few blocks away from the shooting on Pendleton Street on the night of February 26, 1943. A surveillance was maintained on this car by Special Agents of this Bureau, and by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. This surveillance was kept until March 3, 1943, at which time the car was removed to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Garage. No effort was made by BEVER, or any other person, to gain access to the automobile.

Continuous during the search for RADKAY and RICKETTS, the Police Departments of both of the Kansas Cities and the Sheriff's Offices in both of the counties in which these cities are located, were in cooperation with Bureau agents combing the cities and counties. After the newspaper articles, previously referred to in which the photographs of the three fugitives were printed, numerous and various reports were received from individuals who had called either the Kansas City Office, the Police Departments, or the Sheriff's Offices, relative to a person they had been believed to be the Fugitive BEVER.

In those instances where the persons did not know BEVER, and no definite location was obtained through investigation, either by the Kansas City Field Office or by the Police, these numerous reports are not being set forth in this report. However, in those instances where persons were contacted who knew BEVER, or had reported information, the following are set forth:



During this investigation, it was learned that CARMEN REECE was a waitress at the Muehlebach Hotel Coffee Shop. She is the wife of HARRY "BUDDY" O'DELL, who is now in the Penitentiary in the State of New York serving a ten-year sentence. CARMEN REECE O'DELL, previous to her marriage to O'DELL, was reputed to be the sweetheart of BEVER. This woman has been working at the Muehlebach Hotel Coffee Shop intermittently since 1934 and left Kansas City on March 1, 1943 to visit a sister, Mrs. F. P. McDERMOTT, 4801 Connecticut, Washington, D. C., who was reported ill.

CARMEN REECE O'DELL has a sister, a Mrs. LEO (VIOLET) WATSON, residing at 3214 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. She stated to Special Agent DICKERSON that she and her husband both know "RED" BEVER for some years. She said her husband had given BEVER a letter of recommendation in order to assist BEVER's enlistment into the Army; also, that CARMEN and "RED" BEVER were friendly.

She further advised that CARMEN writes and receives letters approximately four times a week from BUDDY O'DELL from the prison in New York, and that as far as she knew, these letters contained no information or mention of "RED" BEVER.

Mrs. WATSON stated she will immediately notify the Kansas City Field Office if she should hear of anyone being contacted by "RED" BEVER.

Agent DONALD C. FRANKEL interviewed Mrs. FANNY ROSETTA JAMES, 2105 College, Kansas City, Missouri, who was formerly Mrs. FANNY O'DELL, BUDDY O'DELL's mother, and she stated she has not seen or heard from Subject BEVER since he entered the Army, but that she thinks he might possibly make some attempt to contact her.

She further stated that her daughter-in-law, CARMEN REECE O'DELL, has told her on several occasions that she dislikes BEVER very much; that she thinks he is a bad influence on her husband, BUDDY O'DELL.

Her daughter, FANNY ELIZABETH JAMES, was also interviewed with negative results.

The provisions of the Harboring Statute were explained to both of these persons, and they advised they would contact the office if BEVER should make any attempt to get in touch with them.

Upon the return of CARMEN REECE O'DELL from Washington, D. C., she was interviewed at the home of her sister, Mrs. LEO WATSON, 3214 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, and she advised she had just returned

from visiting her sister-in-law and brother in Washington, D. C. She stated she had been afraid BEVER would try to contact her, and that was one reason why she left for Washington, D. C.

She and her sister, Mrs. WATSON, stated there had been several mysterious phone calls from an unknown person between 3:00 A.M. and 4:00 A.M. since BEVER's escape from the Cincinnati Jail, the last one being Sunday morning, March 7, 1943. Mr. or Mrs. WATSON had answered the phone, and had received no response from the other end of the wire. The phone calls seemed to be coming from a public place inasmuch as there was considerable noise coming from the other end of the wire. On each occasion, the person making the call would hang up without revealing his identity or asking any question.

CARLEN RICE O'DELL advised that her brother, PAUL REECE, had been very well acquainted with Subject BEVER, and that he had resided until January 1943 at 1472 Josephine, Denver, Colorado, but was now residing in Washington, D. C. She stated BEVER might not know of PAUL REECE's recent change of address.

Mrs. O'DELL advised the only person in Kansas City whom she believed BEVER might be likely to contact was a man named KAY TURNER, address unknown, who works for Ambrosy Mine Company, 302 Woodweather Road, Kansas City, Missouri, as a truck driver. She stated TURNER was about thirty-five years of age, and had been very friendly with both BEVER and RECKITT.

Mrs. O'DELL stated that should the telephone ring in the middle of the night again, she would answer it and if it was BEVER trying to contact her, she would try to arrange some meeting place and immediately advise the Kansas City Field Office.

A teletype was received from the Denver Field Office on March 2, 1943 advising that PAUL E. D. REECE was inducted into the Army about a month ago, and is presently stationed as a Technical Sergeant, E.R.C., 225 Signal Repair Service Company, U.S. Army, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Intermittent surveillance has been kept on THOMAS SUGGESS BEVER, generally known as GENE BEVER, brother of fugitive BEVER. GENE BEVER resides at 3424 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, apartment 20, and is employed in the Railway Mail Service, Fourth Floor Main Post Office Building, usually between the hours of 5:15 p.m. to midnight.

GENE BEVER was interviewed by Agents CAMPBELL and TALLERS about one hour after the escape of the subjects at the time of the Kansas City shooting on February 26, 1943. He did not appear to have, and denied having, any knowledge of the whereabouts of his brother, and appeared genuinely alarmed when told they were in the city and had just escaped from the officers. He was cautioned about the Harboring Statute, and again was asked if he would cooperate in locating his brother, at which time he would not definitely promise cooperation, but did finally state that he would not do anything to aid the fugitives.

Immediately after interviewing THOMAS SUGGESS BEVER, these agents proceeded to his apartment, where his wife and baby were found alone. She readily permitted agents to search the apartment, but nothing was found to indicate fugitives had been there. Mrs. BEVER was impressed with the provisions of the Harboring Statute and related that she doubted very much if subject BEVER would come there or contact her or her husband, for the reason he had never been very close to them, and since they had lived in this apartment (from December, 1941) subject BEVER has visited them only once.

Surveillance has also been maintained in the home of Mrs. LEO (MOLLY) WATSON, 3214 Central Avenue, over Mrs. LEOLE MAY RICHETTS (CARROLL), who is the wife of subg. RICHETTS. Mrs. WATSON has been very cooperative in this investigation. On February 27, 1943, Special Agents C. E. CAMPBELL and T. C. FULLAN were instructed to continue a surveillance on LEOLE MAY RICHETTS, 3 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at which place LEOLE MAY RICHETTS is employed as a waitress. (Mrs. RICHETTS lives at 3325 Central Avenue.)

EUGENE BEVER was observed sitting at a table and in conversation with KAY RICKETTS. As Agent CAMPBELL walked by the cafe, which is a very small one, BEVER, who was facing the window, noticed this agent and arose leaving the cafe and approached Agent on the street. He was visibly shocked and surprised and it was apparent he thought Agents were keeping a surveillance on him. He immediately asked what the agent wanted with him, and he was told that an interview with him was not desired for any particular reason, nor were his whereabouts being sought at this time. Since he was supposed to be at work at this hour of the day, Agent CAMPBELL inquired as to what brought him downtown. He stated he had not been feeling well and had reported off on sick leave.

He was asked if he frequented Nobles Cafe, and stated he had been in there once or twice before, and had just dropped in for a cup of coffee. When questioned as to whether he was acquainted with any of the employees, he stated he was not.

After a few more casual remarks, agent asked him outright the name of the waitress, and he immediately said, "Miss CARROLL", which is the name sometimes used by KAY RICKETTS. He was asked how well acquainted he was with her, and he said it was only a casual acquaintance, and that he knew nothing about her background or family connections, and that he had become acquainted merely because he had on several occasions dropped into this cafe.

He was very perturbed concerning the fact that agent had observed him in this cafe in contact with this girl, and specifically requested agent to refrain from letting his wife know in any way that he had been observed downtown.

It has been noted during this investigation that KAY RICKETTS and EUGENE BEVER visited subjects in Cincinnati while they were confined in jail. At another interview, EUGENE BEVER denied having been in Cincinnati to visit his brother at the same time as KAY RICKETTS, or at least denied knowledge that she had been there. He stated that on January 27, 1942, he had left Kansas City travelling to Cincinnati via the Missouri Pacific Railroad to St. Louis, and from there on the Big Four, arriving at Cincinnati at 8:00 A.M. on January 28, 1942. He registered at the Palace Hotel, believed he was given Room 123, using his correct name, and later that morning he went to the jail to visit his brother. He denied seeing either RICKETTS or RADKAY, but visited with Subject BEVER approximately twenty minutes, at which time he discussed the welfare of the other members of the family, and the probable sentence HARRY BEVER would receive. After this visit, he spent the remainder of the day walking around the business district of Cincinnati, and later in the evening went to a theatre, to see the show, "Pittsburgh". He does not remember the name of the theatre, but stated it was about two or three blocks from the hotel.

He said he had no relatives nor anyone else in Cincinnati other than his brother at that time. He stated the following day he again visited HARRY BEVER in jail for about twenty minutes. He offered any assistance he could render, but HARRY BEVER declined stating that he knew his family had no money to employ an attorney nor did he, HARRY BEVER. However, he stated he felt the court would appoint an attorney for him.

EUGENE BEVER stated he financed this trip on \$40.00 given to him by his mother, and upon being questioned as to why he had suddenly become interested in the welfare of his brother, whom he had already stated he had not been in contact with for quite a period of time, he stated that his parents thought some one of the family should visit HARRY BEVER in jail, and that he, EUGENE, was the logical one to do so. After completing the second visit with his brother, EUGENE BEVER related he wandered around Cincinnati and left on January 30, 1943 early in the morning, returning to Kansas City by the same train above-named, and arrived in Kansas City at approximately 1:00 A.M., Sunday, January 31, 1943.

He, at first denied that during his visit with his brother any mention was made of KAY RICKETTS' visit to RICKETTS and RADKAY, but that his brother had stated RADKAY'S mother had been there and left him some money. This, it will be noted, could be confused with the visit of KAY RICKETTS. He later admitted, however, that his brother had given him KAY RICKETTS' address in Kansas City and where she worked, and that he had called her at her apartment shortly after his return from Cincinnati, which was the first time he had met her personally.

He said he knew of KAY RICKETTS because at the time these three fugitives were arrested at Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, after the shooting of the soldier by BEVER, KAY RICKETTE had visited BEVER'S parents' home and severely upbraided them concerning the activities of HARRY BEVER, whom she claimed was responsible for all three members being in jail as a result of his senseless activities and the shooting of the soldier.

On the occasion of his first visit with KAY RICKETTS, he carried a message to her that RICKETTS desired her to return to Cincinnati for another visit. She said she had been in Cincinnati approximately two weeks before to visit him, and that she had no money to return. She asked him if he had visited RICKETTS or RADKAY while visiting his brother, and he informed her he had not.

Subsequent to this time, BEVER denied that he had seen or contacted KAY RICKETTS except on Saturday night, February 27, 1943, as above related. Upon being pressed for an explanation as to why he saw fit

to contact her on this occasion, he said he had indicated to her at the time of their first visit that he would see her sometime in the future, no definite date being arranged. However, in view of the current activity in this case, he had decided to go down to see her to find out whether she had received any information of interest to him.

EUGENE BEVER has been interviewed several times, and it will be noted he has never promised full cooperation in this case; that he has been thoroughly advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute, but has never openly stated he would advise agents of this office should he be contacted by his brother or other members of his gang. He has only gone so far as to state he would not "help them." He finally stated that he will agree to notify this office immediately should he receive any information about, or be contacted by, any of the fugitives.

Mrs. THOMAS EUGENE BEVER telephoned the Kansas City Field Office on March 3, 1943, and stated that BEVER's mother, BLANCH BEVER, 115 East Thirty-third Street, had suddenly collapsed due to the newspaper publicity of the apprehension of Subjects RICKETTS and RABLEY, and the fact that the papers were now being concerned about the tracking down of BEVER. She stated it was her mother's wish that there be broadcast an appeal for Subject BEVER to turn himself in. She was advised by Special Agent MORRIS she would have to take this matter up directly with the radio stations or the newspapers direct concerning any publicity as desired by her mother.

Mrs. MACK HALING, 106 East Thirty-third Street, a neighbor and close friend of the BEVERs also requested that this be done.

The Kansas City Star, in the issue of March 4, 1943, carried this appeal.

It was learned from Mrs. CARL T. HALLAM, 106 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri, that underneath her resides Mrs. HALING, above referred to, and that Subject BEVER has often used the phone in her apartment. It was believed by Mrs. HALLAM that if Subject BEVER wished to contact his mother, he would call the HALING telephone.

Mrs. MACK (BLANCH) HALING, 106 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed at her residence by Special Agent MORRIS and QUINCY. Mrs. HALING informed that she is well acquainted with the BEVER family, and has known them for a period of about ten years. She stated the BEVERs have been residing at their present address since December 7, 1941; that previously they resided at 2102 Brooklyn,

Mrs. HALING stated that the BEVERs use her telephone quite frequently, but denied there had been any recent contact with Subject BEVER. Mrs. HALING stated she would immediately notify the Kansas City Office if she heard anything concerning the present whereabouts of Subject BEVER.

In further questioning Mrs. HALING, she stated that the only time Subject BEVER had ever used the telephone was when he was home to visit his mother on Mother's Day in 1942, and that at that time BEVER called a Mrs. STERLING (ALICE PALE), 512 West Thirteenth, Kansas City, Missouri, with whom BEVER is well acquainted.

Mrs. S. P. PALE, 512 West Thirteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone number Harrison 4216, advised she was well acquainted with the BEVER family, had known them for approximately twelve years, and that they had formerly resided at the addresses of 711 West Sixteenth Street, 1024 Summit Street, and between Fourteenth and Fifteenth on Central, all Kansas City, Missouri. This was, however, approximately eight or nine years ago. She stated she had not seen Subject BEVER for over three years. However, BEVER had telephonically contacted her when he was home on leave from the Army last summer. She also stated that her husband, who is employed by the Kansas City Terminal, Kansas City, Kansas, at Tower #2, is well acquainted with BEVER and his family. Mrs. PALE advised that BEVER had not attempted to contact either her or her husband since last summer, and made the assurance that she and her husband both would cooperate with this Bureau in that they would immediately notify this office should they obtain any information concerning BEVER, or should they attempt in any way to contact them.

Mrs. BLANCH BEVER, 115 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri, mother of Fugitive BEVER, was interviewed by Agents DICKINSON and SCOTT on March 13, 1943. She had an extremely hostile attitude and stated that if her son RALPH did return home, she would not turn him in, but would ask him if he would turn himself in. She said that if he refused to turn himself in, she would rather serve a prison sentence for harboring than notify the authorities.

OTHEL BEVER, father of Fugitive BEVER, stated he had no knowledge of his son RALPH'S whereabouts.

Private ROBERT D. BEVER, brother of Fugitive BEVER, was on a furlough from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was interviewed at 115 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri by Special Agents SCOTT and DICKINSON.

He advised he had not seen his brother RALPH since May, 1942, and that he had no knowledge of subject's present whereabouts. He stated that for his mother's sake, he would notify the Kansas City Office if he learned of his brother's whereabouts, but that he did not think RALPH would try to contact either him or his family.

The background information of DIXIE DEAN GARRETT, Granada Apartments, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the divorced wife of Fugitive BEVER, is contained in the report of Special Agent MELTON PARTRAM DICKERSON dated January 19, 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri on page four. BEVER and DIXIE GARRETT were divorced in 1940.

DIXIE GARRETT has been interviewed numerous times and appears to be cooperative and Agents FLEMING and DICKERSON have maintained a surveillance in her apartment. She resides with her stepmother, Mrs. PANSY GARRETT. No attempt has been made by BEVER to contact her.

DIXIE GARRETT advised Agent DICKERSON on Sunday, March 7, 1943, that she received a letter from RALPH BEVER'S younger brother ROBERT, who is in the Army. She stated they correspond every two weeks, the nature of the correspondence being that of a brother and sister relationship.

She exhibited to agent the last two letters she had received from Private BEVER, which contained no mention of Subject BEVER or his escape. DIXIE said ROBERT BEVER often borrowed money from her, and would pay it back on his regular payday. She said the last letter from him contained a money order from him for \$10.00 in payment of a previous loan. DIXIE said ROBERT was six years younger than RALPH, and had never been very close to his elder brothers, and that he was an entirely different type of man from RALPH and CINE, who were heavy drinkers and had often been engaged in fist fights.



Mr. GEORGE MAROON is a well known Syrian underworld character in Kansas City. He lives at Apartment #7, Bonaventure Apartments, Park and Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. He was interviewed in the Kansas City Field Office, and knows RADLEY, RICKETTS, and "BUDDY" O'DELL. He stated he does not know BEVER. MAROON has an extensive police record in Kansas City, Missouri. It is not known that he has ever served time in a penitentiary, and he denies that he has.

JAMES HAMILTON, 127 Short Street, Independence, Missouri, was called to the Kansas City Office on the evening of March 1, 1943 after it was learned he had called Chief of Police D. O. CATO at Independence, Missouri. HAMILTON advised that around 2:30 P.M. on March 1, 1943, he received a telephone call from BEVER asking if he had any rooms to rent. He said he told him no, that he did not have any. He stated he got to know BEVER at the time BEVER worked at the Muehlebach Hotel as a porter. HAMILTON is now employed at the Aircraft Accessories Corporation, Kansas City, Kansas. HAMILTON furnished the following names of persons who worked with BEVER at the Muehlebach Hotel prior to the latter's going into the Army:

JOE MURPHY, now employed at the Kansas City Terminal  
ED MUNNERS, Porter at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri  
CLAYTON ZACKMAN, employed at the Muehlebach Hotel  
BILL McGLASSON, employed at the Muehlebach Hotel  
JOE TROEN, Head Porter, Muehlebach Hotel

HAMILTON stated he will notify the FBI should BEVER contact him again.

Mr. DAVE WHITT, Investigation Department, Sunflower Ordnance Plant, Eudora, Kansas, advised Special Agent R. C. SAXTON that HOWARD WOOD JOHNSTON, who is employed at the Sunflower Ordnance Plant, had told him that he was at one time a friend of HARRY RALPH BEVER. Agent SAXTON interviewed HOWARD JOHNSTON at 3411 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, who stated he was acquainted with Subject BEVER when they were both employed in the Muehlebach Hotel as Bell Hops for a period of four or five years. He stated BEVER had not contacted him, and he had no information whatsoever as to his present whereabouts.

JOHNSTON stated it was his opinion that of all of the persons whom BEVER associated with at the Muehlebach Hotel, he probably would contact JIMMIE MURPHY; that JIMMIE MURPHY had gone to Pearl Harbor about a year and one-half ago, but that he, JOHNSTON, had heard he has returned to Kansas City. JOHNSTON stated he would notify the Kansas City Office in the event he obtained any information relative to the whereabouts of BEVER.

Mr. ALEX FEWLES, Assistant City Counsel, Kansas City, Missouri, residing at 3028 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Field Office and stated that his wife, and sister-in-law, MARGARET RICHARDSON, may have some information.

Special Agents FRANK L. MONTGOMERY and LUTHER S. MONTGOMERY interviewed MARGARET RICHARDSON, Apartment #308, 3028 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, and she stated she works with DIXIE GARRETT, the ex-wife of Subject BEVER, at the Commercial Equipment Company, 1416 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, both being on the same shift. She stated DIXIE GARRETT is very closely associated with MARGIE FORD, who lives with her husband, JOHN, or JACK FORD, at Seventy-fifth and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. ALEX FEWLES stated that her husband, ALEX, once "fixed" a ticket for "RED" BEVER in the City Court, and believes that BEVER may try to contact her husband.

Mrs. FEWLES also stated that her husband's sister and brother-in-law, who live in the same building, Apartment #205, HERBERT and LEONA FORD, may possibly be contacted by BEVER inasmuch as they gave him a ride to Kansas City from California about a year ago.

Agents LUTHER S. MONTGOMERY and D. C. FRANKEL interviewed Mrs. LEONA FORD, 3028 Tracy, Apartment #205, during which interview her husband, HERBERT W. FORD, was present. Mrs. FORD stated that she had met "RED" BEVER in Upland, California, the summer of 1941 at which time he was staying at a rooming house run by people by the name of WEST, who are related to CARL WEST, Kansas City, Missouri, policeman, who lives at the South Side Hotel, 31st and Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri; that while in California "RED" was a very good friend of JACK, or JOHN and MARGIE FORD, who live at 7830 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.

LEONA FORD advised that she and her husband drove "RED" BEVER home from California about September of 1941 but had not seen nor heard from him since that time. However, they do know that he has seen CARL WEST inasmuch as they met CARL WEST on the street and he advised that he had seen "RED" BEVER. However, this was sometime in the fall of 1942. She further advised that CARL WEST has a son who was very friendly with "RED" BEVER but that this son was presently in the Army.

JOHN M. FORD, and his wife MARGIE FORD, 7830 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, were interviewed by Special Agents FRANKEL and WHITE. They stated they had been very friendly with both "RED" BEVER and his ex-wife, DIXIE GARRETT, and made one trip to California in the summer of 1941 with "RED" BEVER.

They stated they have not seen him but once since that time and that was during the period he was A.W.O.L. from the Army and prior to his desertion from the Army.

JOHN FORD advised he was of the opinion that "RED" BEVER might possibly contact him, and that were he to do so, he would immediately notify the Kansas City Field Office. He could furnish no information as to people BEVER might contact.

He further advised that CARL WEST, Kansas City, Missouri Policeman, who lives at the Southside Hotel, 3050 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, was his stepfather. FORD furnished Agent FRANKEL with several snapshots of Subject BEVER and requested that these be mailed back to him after Subject BEVER was apprehended.

JOHN E. FORD advised he is the brother of WALTER A. FORD, Eighty-Seventh and Arce, Kansas City, Missouri. WALTER A. FORD was interviewed by Agent WHITE, and he advised that he and his son, ROBERT FORD, were very closely associated with BEVER approximately three years ago; that he has lost contact with him, and doubted if BEVER would attempt to contact him now. He did not know of anyone whom Subject BEVER might contact.

He stated he will immediately notify the FBI in the event any information comes to him concerning fugitive BEVER.

JAMES CARL WEST, Southside Hotel, 3050 Harrison, a member of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, informed Agent MONTGOMERY that he has been closely acquainted with BEVER for over a period of six years; that BEVER, in the Summer of 1940 and 1941, had been in California and had roomed with a relative of his, a Mr. J. D. WEST, 195 South Euclid, Upland, California. BEVER, while in California, worked as a cook at the Rock Inn Barbecue, which is on Pomona Boulevard midway between Upland and Ontario, California.

RICHARD CARL ADAMS, Jr., 2005 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agents RICHARD C. SEXTON and RUSSEL R. LINES. He is employed as a guard at the Lake City Ordnance Plant, and at one time worked with Subject BEVER at the Kuehlsch Hotel. ADAMS stated that BEVER had made no effort to contact him. ADAMS said that when BEVER lived in Kansas City in 1940 with an individual by the name of O'DELL, who is now in prison, they went to Oregon and worked in a lumber camp; that BEVER told him this. Mr. ADAMS further advised that two former associates of BEVER whom he might contact are "SPUD" and CHARLIE DAVIS, whom he stated were former boxers in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. ADAMS said that the DAVIS brothers lived at one time at 1512 Washington, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. ADAMS further stated that BEVER used to loaf at the Broadway Gardens, now called the Hilltop Gardens at 1608 Broadway.

Mr. WILLIS BENDER, Night Attendant at the Plaza Garage, 209 West Forty-Sixth Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that BEVER formerly worked at Martin's Cafeteria, 4638 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, and usually stayed around with him, BENDER, at the Garage. BENDER stated BEVER spent the night with him about a year ago, which was the last time he had seen him.

He stated BEVER has not attempted to contact him since that time. BENDER stated he feared that BEVER might recall his former association and steal a car to make an attempted get-a-way.

BENDER stated he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Office in the event he should learn of any information regarding Subject BEVER.

Mr. HAMBLET SMITH, Clerk, Phillips Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent GARR on March 4, 1943, that he became very well acquainted with subject when subject was a bell hop at the Buchlobach Hotel, and that he and subject on numerous occasions did have drinks at a bar in the Aladdin Hotel, which is now closed, and that the bar tender, RILLO "BLACKIE" HAMBLET was extremely friendly with BEVER.

Mr. HAMBLET was located at the Turf Cafe, 1115 Broadway, where he is employed at the present time as a bar tender, telephone HARRISON 9036. He stated that he presently resides at 712 West 12th Street, Apartment #204, and that subject BEVER telephoned him at his place of employment at 11:30 P. M. February 26, 1943, and told him that there were three of them and that one was hurt and that they wanted to hide out for a few days and asked him if he still had an apartment. HAMBLET said that he told him that he did not and that he only had a hotel room and therefore could not hide them out.

He advised that at that time he did not know what kind of trouble BEVER was in and did not know that there was anything seriously wrong. He stated that BEVER might try to contact him in the future and that in view of the fact that he is very well acquainted with BEVER's mother, who is at the present time seriously ill, he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division and would make arrangements for BEVER's apprehension. He appeared to be sincere in his offer to cooperate and stated that he had not seen or heard from the subject since this time and had not been asked for any money.

On March 5, 1948, a letter was received by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department from Mrs. DORIS BLAS, 2911 Shaw-wood, Kansas City, Missouri, in which she stated that her husband, DORIS BLAS, was a good friend of RALPH BEVER. Mrs. BLAS was interviewed by Agents DICKERSON and SCOTT. She stated that her husband and RALPH BEVER had been friends for eight years; that they had their right arms tattooed at the same time, with a double heart, an arrow through it, and their initials or names tattooed over the hearts. She advised that her husband, DORIS BLAS, is presently employed as a truck driver for Powell Brothers on West 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and spends most of his time driving out-of-town truck routes; that her husband and "RED" BEVER had worked at Martin's Restaurant on the Plaza together; that a girl named MABEL used to work in the same restaurant and was a friend of BEVER. Mrs. BLAS stated that as far as she knew BEVER did not know where they lived, but was concerned that he might try to contact them. She will notify the FBI Office in the event she obtains any information. Mrs. BLAS also stated that her husband and RALPH BEVER were friends of FOWEL FLETCHER, who has an egg business on Prospect Avenue.

EMUEL FLETCHER, 3931 Ross Lane, Kansas City, Missouri and his brother, HIRSH FLETCHER, 3730 Summitt, Kansas City, Missouri, were interviewed at their place of business, 2531 Prospect. They advised Agent DICKERSON that they both knew "RED" BEVER very well, since they had both married girls who had been employed at Martin's Restaurant, and had attended numerous parties with BEVER. They advised their wives' names were ELLA and DOROTHY, and they knew of no MABEL who had been employed at Martin's. The FLETCHER brothers stated that they had not seen BEVER since last August when he was home and still in an Army uniform and drinking heavily. They advised that ARMY FORD was the foreman or boss at Martin's Restaurant when BEVER was employed there.

ELMER MALLIN, owner and manager of Martin's Cafe, 4827 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he had employed RALPH BEVER in his market and also as a cook for some time about six years ago. He stated BEVER had been a good worker, was friendly to

all the employees, and has later married two different girls while employed at Martin's. He advised that the first wife's name was DOROTHY VAUGHAN FRUITT, and that she had been married both before and since her marriage to BEVER. He was unable to furnish her present name or address. MARTIN stated he could not recall any MABEL having worked in his cafe, tavern, or market while BEVER was employed there. He did not know of any JOHNNY who was a bartender.

JOHN BUFFA, Apartment 24, 727 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent DICHERSON that he is the bartender at the Belmont Tavern, 405 East 10th Street; that he was contacted by Subjects BEVER and ALBERTS on the night of March 2, 1943. BUFFA said a cab driver came into the bar while he was working, at about 12:30 or 12:40 a.m., and asked him to come out to the taxi. He stated he could not leave the bar, but because the cab driver insisted it was important, he left the bar and went out to the cab, still wearing the bartender's apron. BUFFA said they had him get into the cab, and asked him where they could stay or sleep. He said he told them he knew of no place to stay except a hotel, whereupon they told him to get out, and the cab drove away. BUFFA said he had never seen either of the men before, but he identified the man who did the talking from photographs as being ALBERTS. BUFFA said he had not met either ALBERTS or BEVER before, and he could give no reason why he had been contacted. He said he knew of no other bartender whose name was JOHNNY. He said the tavern was owned by his sister, MARY BUFFA, and managed by his brother, WILLIS BUFFA, and that they had never had any connection with any of the three subjects.

Mrs. DOROTHY BUFFA, advised she was contacted before the subjects found her husband at the Belmont Tavern. She said that at approximately 12:30 a.m., March 2, 1943, two men knocked at her apartment door at 727 Paseo and asked for JOHNNY and wanted to see where he worked. She then told this man what her husband wanted. This man had also asked her if she was MABEL BUFFA, and she told him her name was DOROTHY, and she knew of no MABEL BUFFA. Mrs. BUFFA identified the man from photographs as being Subject BEVER.

Mrs. MAUDE DALY, manager of the Amador Hotel, 1104 East 23rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that the three subjects had made several phone calls, and subsequent to these calls a crippled man had come to their room. She described this man as having a long face, big eyes and not very bright looking, and she said she would recognize him if she saw him again. This was in the fore noon. This man was shorter than MCKAY and he had a slight build and limped very badly, walking bent over. She said that he was not identical with Subject MCKAY, as she had not seen MCKAY limp. She said this cripple had come into the hotel empty-handed and had been there only once.

NICHOLAS KEMGSTRA, Amador Apt. 1, advised Agent DICKERSON he recognized the photographs of the three subjects as being those of men who had eaten at the Sherry Buffet, 1110 East 23rd Street. He said the counter girl named MARY had told him she fixed up a sack of sandwiches for the red-headed subject who told her he wished to take out the food because his pal had a frozen foot. KEMGSTRA identified the picture of Subject MCKAY as being the man who ate at the counter in front of the buffet, and the other two men ate at the back, out of sight. KEMGSTRA said that the three men had been at the Apollo Bar on Troost Avenue, and were also seen in the bowling alley on Troost Avenue near the Amador Hotel.

Mrs. NUTE HUDELSON, manager of the Alcazar Hotel, 101 West 39th, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent DICKERSON that RALPH BEVER and his former wife, DIXIE GARRETT, had resided in the Alcazar Hotel up until sometime in 1941. She stated that on March 5, 1942, a letter had been delivered to the Alcazar Hotel for PANSY GARRETT, whom she believed to be identical with DIXIE GARRETT. She stated that DIXIE GARRETT had used that name, and had also been known by the name of BEVER when she had lived at the Alcazar.

Mrs. PANSY GARRETT, Apartment 103, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent DICKERSON that she was the step-mother of DIXIE GARRETT and had resided at the Alcazar Hotel with DIXIE GARRETT for over a year or until September or October,

1941. She advised that Fugitive BEVER had never lived at the Alcazar, inasmuch as PERIE was separated from him in 1939, but her divorce was not final until the spring of 1941. Mrs. GARETT said that she had lived with her step-daughter at the Alcazar until moving to the present address. She exhibited the contents of the letter received at the Alcazar on March 5, 1943, which revealed it was only a chain letter having no pertinency to this investigation.

CORNEL GREGORY telephoned the Kansas City Field Office on March 4, 1943, stating that he received information from JOSEPH H. HOLYNEUX, 3004 Stevens Street, Parsons, Kansas, and from VERNON COX, 265 South Tremont, Kansas City, Kansas, both of whom are employed by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company, that Subject BEVER had possibly been seen boarding a freight train leaving Kansas City, Missouri on Tuesday, March 2, 1943. GREGORY is special officer for MKT railroad.

VERNON COX, 265 South Tremont, Kansas City, Kansas, advised Agent R. L. LINES that Train 271, engine 95 (a freight train) left Kansas City, Missouri, about 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 1943; that he was in the yards at the time of its departure, and a few minutes prior thereto he observed a suspicious-looking individual climbing into an empty coal car on this freight train. He advised this individual was wearing a dark overcoat and a dark cap. He advised that this same individual was also seen by CHARLES FANNING, another employee of the MKT, who was working in the yards at the same time. COX advised that he had talked with FANNING and their descriptions and actions of this individual were identical. BEVER'S photograph was exhibited to FANNING and COX, but neither of them could positively identify the person as being BEVER.

JOSEPH H. HOLYNEUX, 3004 Stevens, Parsons, Kansas, was interviewed at the MKT Railroad Yards. He stated he was on Train 270; that this train passed the previously referred to Train #271 between Parsons, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri; that the train upon which he was riding was going from Parsons, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri, and upon passing this train



he noticed that an individual wearing a dark overcoat and what appeared to be a dark cap or hat was lying in the bottom of the coal car; that this person was in the bottom of the coal car as if he were hiding from someone.

It was determined that Train #271 was enroute to Parsons, Kansas, and was supposed to arrive in Parsons about 5:30 p.m., March 2, 1943; that the coal car in which this person was hiding would be held up at Parsons, Kansas, and the cars of the freight train were switched at this point.

This information was telephoned to Special Agent WILLIAM D. BAXLEY of the M&F Railroad at Parsons, Kansas, by Agent LILKS. Thereafter he advised that he had contacted all the railroad employees on Train #271 who had handled this train on March 2, 1943, with negative results. BAXLEY furnished information later that he had contacted A. E. LANDRUM, the director of the Salvation Army at Parsons, Kansas. LANDRUM, according to BAXLEY, stated he positively identified Subject BAKER as being an individual who stayed at the Salvation Army quarters in Parsons, Kansas on the night of Wednesday, March 3, 1943; that he recalled this individual due to the fact he had a slight quarrel with him concerning his making up the bunk in which he had slept. He particularly pointed out that this individual appeared to be somewhat nervous and suspicious due to the fact he did not take his clothes or shoes off when he slept in the bunk that night. This information was confirmed by BO HUNT, a transient, who stayed at the Salvation Army quarters that night.

In addition, this individual was positively identified as Subject BAKER by LESLIE ALBERT, 1814 Santa Rita Street, Parsons, Kansas, a sanitation truck driver, and by TANEY WEBBICK, 1410 Stevens, Parsons, Kansas. BAXLEY advised that he had obtained these reports by means of the FBI circular and the photographs in the Kansas City Star. He pointed out that all of these individuals claimed to have made a positive identification of this individual as Subject BAKER because of BAKER'S red hair, bushy eyebrows and gold teeth. BAXLEY said the police department and sheriff's office at Parsons, Kansas, and he, himself, were

working on this case, and that on the night of March 4, 1945 they had checked all the rooming houses in an effort to locate this person in Parsons; that their last information indicated he had been seen March 4, 1945 at about 11:00 a.m. walking south on 21st Street in Parsons, Kansas. He stated these law enforcement agencies were still working on the case.

BARLEY advised that he determined this individual did not use any name when he registered at the Salvation Army, and no authentic description of the clothes this individual was wearing was obtainable. He pointed out that possibly this person's next logical stop if he had left Parsons, Kansas, would be Vinita, Oklahoma. BARLEY said he would telephone the Special Agent of the MTT railroad at Muskogee, Oklahoma, in order to obtain his cooperation in the search for BEVER.

Agent LINES furnished BARLEY information to the effect that RADKAY, BEVER and RICKETTS had registered at the Amidor Hotel under the names of PAUL YEAGER, ALDY WALKER and THOMAS PARTS and had listed as their residence Rural Route 2, Parsons, Kansas, at the time of that registration. BARLEY advised he would check this information and any other pertinent information, if obtained, he would telephone to the Kansas City Field Office.

On March 6, 1945, about 11:30 a.m., Special Agent DICKERSON was advised by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department that a call had been received from 3612 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, with reference to Fugitive BEVER.

Mrs. JESSIE FOSTER, 3612 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed immediately by Agent DICKERSON, who advised that she is the landlady at that house and on the afternoon of March 4, 1945, a man came to her door inquiring about a basement room for rent. She said she showed him the room, and he said he would return later if he wished to rent it. Later in the afternoon this person came back and paid her \$3.50 in cash for one week's rent, giving his name as F. RICHARDSON, and no other address. At that time he said he was not working at the present, having

just arrived in Kansas City, but was trying to get a job. This person did not have any luggage or clothes, and said he would have to get some clothes in town; he seemed to be in a great hurry, and she could not be sure about his appearance as he never took off his hat, even in the house, and did not unbutton his coat. She saw no other money other than the \$3.50 which was paid to her. Mrs. FOSTER said RICHARDSON had never slept in the room he rented, and the only time he was in the house was when he inquired about the room, later when he rented it, and a few minutes on the morning of March 6, 1943. She asked him where he was living or where he was sleeping, and he said he was staying at the home of friends.

Mrs. FOSTER related that at approximately 11:15 a.m., March 6, 1943, a delivery boy, determined to be JIMMY SCANTLIN, who was still present at this interview, brought a COD package consigned to F. C. RICHARDSON from Toolf Brothers Clothiers, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. FOSTER said that shortly before the delivery arrived RICHARDSON himself came in and asked if a package had come for him yet, and when she replied in the negative, he went to his basement room. When SCANTLIN arrived with the package she called RICHARDSON, and he came up from the basement, took the package, and returned to the basement. Mrs. FOSTER said that when he did not reappear she went to the basement to call him for the delivery boy, and found his room door locked. Receiving no response upon knocking, and hearing no one, she telephoned the police. She said when the police arrived they opened the window in the basement room from the outside, went into the room, and unlocked the door. Examination of the tracks in the snow revealed that the man known as RICHARDSON had opened the window, thrown the package out on the ground, then climbed through after the package, closed the window from the outside, jumped over a fence in the back yard, and had headed west. Mrs. FOSTER said that the best description she could give of RICHARDSON was that he was approximately five feet nine inches tall, wore a brown hat and a gray cloth coat, and was quite heavy. She was unable to identify positively two photographs of the Subject BEVEL as being RICHARDSON.

JIMMY SCANTLIN, 1351 Holly, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed at 3612 Wyandotte. He advised he was the delivery boy for the Merchants Delivery Service, 1710 Washington, Kansas City, Missouri; that he had delivered a suit of clothes and an overcoat to the Wyandotte Street address consigned to a man by the name of F. C. RICHARDSON; that he determined these clothes were sold by a salesman by the name of STRAUN at the Woolf Brothers Store, and he was to collect the sum of \$86.00. SCANTLIN related that upon arriving at this address the package containing the clothes was in a disheveled condition, and as he knelt to re-tie the package, a man came up from the basement and said he would take the clothes and that he needn't bother tying the package. SCANTLIN said he glanced up from his kneeling position, but could not get a very good look at the man's face as he had his hat on and his collar up. He said he waited several minutes for the man to return from the basement with the money, and then went to the basement room and found the door locked. SCANTLIN said after the police arrived they were questioning him, and one of the officers with whom he had attended school asked him if the man who had stolen the clothes was PALPE BEVER; that the officer and he (SCANTLIN) had also attended school with BEVER. SCANTLIN said although he didn't get a good look at his face and could not be positive enough to testify that it was BEVER, he believes it was BEVER. Upon pressing him further, SCANTLIN said he had known BEVER very well and had gone to junior high school with him. He said he had also known BEVER when the latter was a porter at the Lushbach Hotel and when he (SCANTLIN) was a bellboy at the Stats Hotel in 1939. He said he has not seen BEVER since 1939, but that he would know him should he see his face clearly. SCANTLIN said he could not say whether or not RICHARDSON recognized him.

SCANTLIN described RICHARDSON as having an olive or gray overcoat, a crown hat, and wearing rimless glasses. He was unable to give his height, weight, color of hair, or eyes.

JULIETA CHRISMAN, 3612 Wyandotte, informed Agent LICKERSON she had seen this RICHARDSON person come in to get the package. She described the man as approximately five feet nine and one-half inches tall, weighing 180 to 185 pounds, wearing a brown

hat and a gray covert overcoat. She was unable to identify the photographs of BEVER as being identical with the person known as RICHARDSON, stating that she did not get a good look at his face and saw him only once. She stated that she saw this person running away after jumping over the fence in the back yard.

F. L. CHRISTIAN said he just caught a glimpse of RICHARDSON, and believes it was BEVER from the similarity to the photograph exhibited to him.

JOSEPH SMITH, in charge of the fingerprinting laboratory at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised that a thorough examination of the room rented by RICHARDSON revealed no fingerprints.

Mr. E. CLIFFORD STANLEY, salesman at Woolf Brothers, was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. WHEELERS. STANLEY advised that on Thursday, March 1, 1945, at 10:30 a.m., he gave his name as F. C. RICHARDSON, looked at some clothes. He described this person as follows:

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| Age        | 35 years  |
| Height     | 5' 8" or 5' 9"  |
| Weight     | 160 lbs.  |
| Eyes       | Brown   |
| Complexion | Medium; no outstanding physical characteristics                       |
| Clothes    | Wearing a dark brown suit, covert cloth overcoat and a dark brown hat |

STANLEY stated this individual was very well dressed; that he wore his hat during the entire time he was in the store, and for that reason he was unable to give the color of this person's hair. The records at Woolf Brothers Department Store reflect this individual wore a size 40 suit and a size 36 overcoat. While in the store he had a dark blue suit and a gray overcoat of heavy weave. He said at that time he could not make up his mind whether to purchase

the suit and overcoat, and that he would return about 2:00 p.m. that day. On 2:00 o'clock that afternoon he telephoned saying he could not visit the store because of other engagements, and that he would return in the morning. STRAUN stated on Friday morning, March 5, 1943, he telephoned he could not come down. He then called again that afternoon and stated he desired to have the clothes delivered to 3612 Wyandotte Street immediately. STRAUN stated he told this man he could not deliver them that afternoon, but would deliver them the next day. He said no alterations of any kind had been made on the clothes before delivery.

STRAUN described the suit as a double-breasted, dark blue unfinished worsted with no brand inside; it was simply marked "Woolf Brothers." He said the suit was of a solid color and had no plaid or any other marking on it. The overcoat was described by STRAUN as being single-breasted bluish gray of tweed material. He said the material was mostly gray, but there were some blue threads in the weave. This coat had no brand on the inside, but was marked "Woolf Brothers." No other clothing was purchased by him.

The photographs of fugitive BEVER were exhibited to STRAUN, and he advised that this person bore a strong resemblance to the full length photograph of subject.

STRAUN advised that as far as he knows this person conversed with no other salesman. Photographs were exhibited to other salesman with negative results.

This incident is being reported as it was learned SCANTLIN had told the police officers it was BEVER, and the Kansas City Star published an article on March 7, 1943 about this incident, narrating that it was BEVER.

At 10:30 A.M., March 2, 1943, C. S. SCOTT, 622 East Fifteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, driver of Yellow Cab No. 212, advised Agent CARR that he picked up a man of a similar description as subject, wearing a leather jacket, dark trousers, dark hat, having red hair, with stocky build, at Fourteenth and Penn Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:05 A.M. on March 2, 1943, which address it is noted is in the vicinity of 721 West 11th Street, where RICKETTS was apprehended. Mr. SCOTT stated this person told him he had to catch a 9:10 A.M. train, and he took him to the Union Station, arriving at 9:06 A.M. He stated this person had no baggage.

Agent CARR proceeded to the Union Station and determined from the information window that the only train scheduled to leave Kansas City at 9:10 A.M. was the Kansas City Southern Railroad, Train No. 1, en route to Shreveport, Louisiana, with first stop Pittsburg, Kansas; second stop Joplin, Missouri, passing through Fort Smith, Arkansas and Texarkana, Arkansas. Subject BEVER's photographs were exhibited and description furnished to T. Y. PAYTON, Gateman No. 2, and Assistant Station Master, RAY WAGNER, both of whom were at Gate No. 10 during the time passengers were being loaded on Train No. 1. Both of them stated they did not notice this individual go through the gate to board the train.

Special Agent GEORGE PERRELL, Kansas City Southern Railroad, Pittsburg, Kansas, was telephonically requested to obtain a flyer containing subject's photograph and description and board the train at Pittsburg, Kansas, together with the police for the purpose of ascertaining if subject was on this train. He stated that if it was not ascertained at Pittsburg, Kansas, that subject was on the train, he would ride the train to Joplin, Missouri, and in the morning determine if he was present.

Chief of Police TOM STOWERS, Pittsburg, Kansas, subsequently telephonically advised that he had helped Special Agent PERRELL search the train for BEVER with negative results.

Chief of Detectives HENRY VERMILLION, Joplin, Missouri, was telephonically requested to help Special Agent PERRELL at Joplin, Missouri, in connection with this matter. VERMILLION subsequently advised that a complete search of the train had been made by him and Special Agent PERRELL at Joplin, Missouri, and that the only person fitting subject's description was EURT LANE, of Joplin, Missouri, who has red hair and who wore a leather jacket, dark trousers and hat, whose father is a well-known business man in Joplin, Missouri, and who is well known to the Chief of Police and to himself, and consequently not the subject.

It is noted this individual is evidently the person picked up by the taxicab driver and delivered to the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. HARRY GOLDBERG, 9808 Merrell, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent CARR that he is a driver for the Terminal Cab Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and stated that on March 4, 1943, at about 6:10 A.M., March 2, 1943, he picked up a man at Eleventh and Broadway, who fit the general description of subject BEVER, having red hair, stocky build, leather jacket, and green trousers, no tie and dark shirt. He took him to the Union Station, where he got out and went into the Station and came back within a few minutes with a small patent leather bag. He then took him to the Phillips Hotel and let him out. Between 3:30 and 4:30 P.M. on the same day, the same man stopped his cab at Twelfth and Baltimore and he took him to Thirty-first and Troost, at which time the man handed him a \$20.00 bill. At this time the man had on a dark brown pin stripe suit, white shirt and dark tie, and had obtained a hair cut and shave since he saw him last.

A search of the records of the Phillips Hotel revealed that four men registered between 6:00 and 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 1943, and all of them were identified by EUGENE SMITH, Clerk of the Hotel, as old customers of that hotel and respectable business men. SMITH, who is well acquainted with BEVER, stated that he was on duty that morning, and is positive BEVER did not come into the hotel, however, he stated that it would be entirely possible for anyone to come in the front entrance of the hotel and proceed to the Men's Washroom at the right and down the stairs, just inside the front entrance. He stated this washroom is open twenty-four hours a day, and that frequently people use this wash room to sleep in and to clean up in, in view of the shortage of hotel rooms in Kansas City.

Mr. JOHN HILL, colored man, black and porter, Phillips Hotel, advised that he arrived at the hotel at 6:45 A.M. on March 2, 1943, and that he found a man in the wash room who was asleep and that this man was dressed in a green suit, had red hair, but that it was at least thirty-five years old, weighed two hundred and ten pounds, had no hat and no overcoat, and had a large "Gey window". He stated further that this same individual has been coming in the washroom on an average of once a week and sleeping and cleaning up, for the last two months, and it appeared to him that he had been out all night and would come to the washroom to clean up before going home. It appears that this was the man who was taken to the hotel by the taxicab driver, HARRY GOLDBERG, and that he is not identical with Subject BEVER.



Special Agent SCOTT obtained information from Detective LOU MYERS of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, that FRANCES THOMAS, a police character, formerly a resident of the Arlene Hotel, Kansas City, is now supposed to be at Joplin, Missouri, and had at one time been reported as having associated with BEVER; that the Police Department at Joplin, according to MYERS, had arrested her numerous times.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK at Joplin, Missouri:

Mr. T. C. DAVENPORT, Jr., Manager of the Connor Hotel, Joplin, Missouri, stated he is well acquainted with Subject BEVER, who was formerly married to DIXIE BARRETT, a cousin of his (DAVENPORT). DAVENPORT stated he secured employment for BEVER at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, because of this relationship by marriage, and that BEVER was a satisfactory employee, and showed no signs of lawlessness at that time. DAVENPORT stated he had never heard of FRANCES THOMAS reported to be in Joplin.

He stated he is anxious to be of assistance to the FBI, and would immediately contact the Joplin Police Department and the FBI in the event he obtains any information concerning Subject BEVER's whereabouts.

A photograph of BEVER was given to DAVENPORT for circularization among his employees.

The records of the Identification Division, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, contains no record of FRANCES THOMAS. This case was discussed with HENRY VERMILLION, Chief of Detectives, and T. C. PONE, Chief of Police, at Joplin. A photograph of BEVER was left with the Joplin Police Department. Both VERMILLION and PONE stated they had no recollection of FRANCES THOMAS.

The facts relating to BEVER were discussed with Sheriff GEORGE THUM, and Deputy Sheriffs FRANK CARLIS and JOHN A. PAINE. A photograph was left at the Sheriff's Office.

A photograph was also left with Sergeant WALTER GRANGER, Missouri State Highway Patrol, who is in charge of the Zone Office at Parthage, Missouri covering the Joplin area.

Agent SCOTT interviewed Mrs. NELLIE BAUML, 2317 Spruce, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the sister of the mother of Fugitive BEVER. Mrs. BAUML, a widow, said she had not seen or heard of the Fugitive BEVER since the escape. Mrs. BAUML furnished the following names and addresses of her sister and brother:

Sisters: Mrs. DAN ISAACS, 381 East Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa  
Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, Newton, Iowa

Brother: E. A. GREEN, Inmate, Iowa State Penitentiary

Information was received from Mr. RICHARD W. ARNOTE, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent RICHARD C. SEXTON. ARNOTE stated he is a distant relative of the BEVER family and has had no contact with any members of the family within the last few years. He said HARRY RALPH BEVER has a grandmother, Mrs. BEN GREEN, at Mill Grove, Missouri; also another relative, an uncle, ROY BEVER, who resides on a farm near Modera, Missouri, which is six miles from Mill Grove.

On March 3, 1943, Sheriff WILLIAM M. CHRISTIAN, Trenton, Missouri, reported by telephone to the Kansas City Field Division Office that a woman had just come to him and advised that someone had apparently tried to enter her home, and was wondering if it could be Fugitive BEVER; that this woman is very well known to ELANORE BEVER, the mother of HARRY RALPH BEVER. This woman also mentioned that the grandmother and uncle of BEVER live in the vicinity.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRED L. BUCCIANI on March 3, 1943:

It was determined that Mrs. LEWIS E. GOODLOE, 705 Highland Street, Trenton, Missouri, was the person who went to Sheriff CHRISTIAN. Upon interview, she stated that about 11:00 or 11:30 on the evening of March 2, 1943, someone came to her house and tried the door as though wanting to get in, and not as a house-breaker. She stated that whoever it was left before his identity became known to her. She advised that Subject HARRY RALPH BEVER and her son, ROBERT GOODLOE, were very good friends several years ago; that Subject BEVER spent a good deal of time at her house, and that if he needed help, she thought he might come to her, especially since her house is located near the Rock Island Railroad main line tracks. Mrs. GOODLOE stated further that she is a very good friend of Subject BEVER's father, who resides at Kansas City. Mrs. GOODLOE recalled that BEVER had a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. DAN ISAACS, residing at Des Moines, Iowa. DAN ISAACS is a Foreman of a Bridge Gang for the Rock Island Railroad.

The following persons were interviewed at Trenton, Missouri, all of whom stated they knew HARRY RALPH BEVER, though none had seen him recently:

ERNEST F. DILLEY, Peyton Hotel  
L. E. FORTH, Barber, Tinsman Avenue  
HARRY GREGORY, Room 31, Peyton Hotel  
E. O. "SHORTY" RUSSELL, 107 East Thirteenth Street  
Mr. and Mrs. ROGER REMRO, 1513 Lulu Street

Mr. and Mrs. BEN GREEN, BEVER's grandparents, were interviewed at their home at Mill Grove, Missouri, as were the subject's uncles, ROY BEVER and GEORGE BEVER, both of whom reside on farms near Mill Grove, Missouri. Each stated that he had neither seen nor heard of subject BEVER for the last year or year and a half, and had received no correspondence from him during this time. Each stated further that they knew of no other relatives in or near Mill Grove other than those already interviewed.

All persons interviewed by Agent BRUCCIANI were warned of the possibility of prosecution under the Harboring Statute, and all advised they would report any attempt by Subject BEVER to contact them, and would report any information they might receive concerning his whereabouts.

On March 4, 1943, HUGH L. VANCE, of Chillicothe, Missouri, advised Agent BRUCCIANI that Subject BEVER had an uncle residing at Mill Grove, Missouri, who was an ex-convict, and whom he believed the subject might contact before anyone else because of his previous prison record.

On March 9, 1943, Agent BRUCCIANI interviewed RALPH L. ORR, Postmaster, Mill Grove, Missouri. He stated Subject BEVER has an uncle, ERNEST GREEN, who served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary, and is released, and who, at present, is serving time at the Iowa State Penitentiary. ORR advised Subject BEVER has another uncle by marriage, IAN DOWLING, who served time in a Federal Penitentiary for parole violation. DOWLING was formerly Postmaster at Mill Grove, and was dismissed and placed on parole for misappropriating Post Office funds. He violated his parole by "raising" checks. ORR advised that DOWLING is at present either in Newton, Iowa or Des Moines, Iowa. ORR advised, further, that the only relatives Subject BEVER has in Mill Grove are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. BEN GREEN, and his two uncles, ROY and GEORGE BEVER.

On the night of March 8, 1943, Agent SCOTT received information from Inspector REX WILLIS, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, that he had received information from RUSSELL SMITH, 1817 Pendleton, Kansas City, Missouri that BEVER was reported to be at Leavenworth, Kansas, and was to hitchhike to Denver, Colorado that night or the next morning.

Agent SCOTT telephoned RUSSELL SMITH for further details, and the latter reported that about 4:00 P.M., March 9, 1943, he had received a call from one of his informants, whose name he would not divulge, that this informant told him a couple of days ago Fugitive BEVER had come to a pool room at Fifteenth and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, and had been told by this informant he had better give himself up; that BEVER replied to the effect that he had connections in Leavenworth and Denver, and indicated he was going there; that BEVER only stayed about two seconds in the pool room, and remarked in substance as he went out, "You can call them now -- you don't know which way I am going."; that BEVER had on a dark overcoat.

Upon pressing SMITH for further information, it developed that the matter of the hitchhiking was SMITH's idea. It was SMITH's further idea upon questioning him as to why BEVER would be in this neighborhood, that BEVER would probably be trying to contact GEORGE MARCON. SMITH stated he would contact MARCON and advise Agent SCOTT as to what he learned.

Agent SCOTT telephonically contacted Lieutenant KATINS of the Leavenworth, Kansas Police Department, and Lieutenant KATINS stated he would have his officers cover all likely hide-outs and hotels, and notify the Sheriff and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

A teletype was sent to the Denver Field Office on the night of March 9, 1943, advising that BEVER may be hitchhiking en route to Denver.

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DIXIE GARRETT, wife of BEVER, was reinterviewed, but she was unable to furnish any information as to why he would stop in Denver, although she stated they had at one time been there on a visit, indicating that was five years ago on a pleasure trip. DIXIE GARRETT said that on this trip they went to Ontario, California, where they stayed at the home of one ANDY WALKER, who is now in the United States Navy. ANDY WALKER is a good friend of Subject BEVER, but is honest insofar as she knows.

Reference is made to Page 7 of this report wherein one latent fingerprint was forwarded to the Bureau obtained from the 1938 green Pontiac car which was wrecked in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bureau letter dated March 9, 1943, stated this latent fingerprint was compared with the fingerprints and palm prints of HARRY RALPH BEVER, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY and SAMUEL RICKETTS, but no identification could be effected.

The Buffalo Field Office was advised by teletype on March 5, 1943 to disregard a lead to locate a taxicab driver named "TONY" at Niagara Falls, New York since RADKAY was apprehended in Kansas City.

The Chicago Field Office was advised on February 27, 1943 to ascertain from the A.P.I. any information concerning the 1938 green Pontiac Coupe, Motor #8-93142, which was stolen in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Louisville Field Office by teletype dated March 5, 1943, reported the theft of the 1938 green Pontiac coupe, Motor #8-93142, which was stolen from Louisville, Kentucky. They also reported the recovery of the 1939 Chrysler Sedan, Motor #C 18-8092, which car belongs to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON.

The Chicago Field Division Office was advised by teletype dated March 4, 1943 to cancel stop at A.P.I. relative to the 1940 Pontiac Coupe, Motor #6-737,656, which was stolen at Kansas City, and recovered at Kansas City.

The following is a description of Subject HARRY RALPH BEVER:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Name           | HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases<br>Larry James Dugan, Fred Mathews,<br>Harry Beaver |
| Age            | 26 years  |
| Date of birth  | September 13, 1916  |
| Place of birth | Millgrove, Missouri   |
| Height         | 5 feet, 3 3/4 inches  |
| Weight         | 175 pounds  |
| Eyes           | Gray-green  |
| Eyeglasses     | Rimless   |
| Eyebrows       | Bushy   |
| Hair           | Red, wavy   |
| Build          | Medium stocky   |
| Complexion     | Ruddy   |

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| Race   | White   |
| Nationality  | American  |
| Education  | 2 years, high school.   |
| Occupations  | Cook, laborer, bell hop, porter   |
| Scars and marks  | Tattoo double heart with initials. RED right arm. Four small scars right wrist. Small scar upper lip right. Scar left side neck and left earlobe. |
| FBI number   | 2,413,512   |
| Dress when last seen Kansas City, Missouri March 2, 1943, was wearing: | Brown leather jacket, dark trousers, and dark felt hat.   |

**ENCLOSURES: TO THE CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE:**

Two photostatic copies of registration cards of THOMAS PARTS, PAUL YEAGER, and ARDY WALKER, dated February 25, 1943, covering their registration at the Amidor Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri on February 25, 1943 for Subjects LICKETTS, RADKAY and BEVER.

**TO THE DES MOINES FIELD OFFICE:**

One photograph of HARRY RALPH BEVER

**TO THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE:**

One photograph of HARRY RALPH BEVER

- P E D I T I O -

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

### THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Upland, California will interview Mr. J. D. WEST, 185 South Euclid, as to the whereabouts of Fugitive BEVER.

It is noted, also, on Page 41 of this report that BEVER worked as a cook at the Rock Inn Barbecue on Pomona Boulevard, which is midway between Upland and Ontario, California.

Also, on Page 52 it is noted that BEVER is a friend of ANDY WALKER, Ontario, California, now reported in the United States Navy.

### THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

#### At Louisville, Kentucky

Will report the recovery of the 1933 Chrysler sedan belonging to Mr. CLOYCE WILSON, Motor #315-3091.

Will report the theft of the 1928 Pontiac coupe, Motor #8-93142, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Will submit facts to the USA relative to prosecution, prosecution having been declined by the USA, KMO.

### THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Cincinnati, Ohio will submit facts to the USA relative to prosecution for violation of the Federal Escape Act and the ISVIA, prosecution having been declined by the USA, KMO.

### THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

#### At Newton, Iowa

Will contact DOROTHY DOWNING and BEN DOWNING, aunt and uncle of Subject BEVER, for any pertinent information they might have concerning him. If BEN DOWNING is not at Newton, will ascertain his present address from DOROTHY DOWNING, present address possibly Des Moines, and conduct an appropriate interview.

At Des Moines, Iowa, will contact Mr. and Mrs. DON and ERMA ISAACS, aunt and uncle of Subject BEVER, for any pertinent information they may have concerning him. They reside at 321 E. 10th Street.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

at Kansas City and Vicinity

Will continue investigation as to the whereabouts of FUGITIVE  
BOWEN, leading to his apprehension.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-159** **McM**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ALBANY, N. Y.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-10-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-27-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JOSEPH A. WALTER</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; SELECTIVE SERVICE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Records, Savage Arms Corp., Utica, N. Y., reflect that one Model 99, Cal. 300, lever action rifle, Serial No. 401896, was shipped May 7, 1941 to TRACY, WELLS CO., Spring & Front Sts., Columbus, Ohio.

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**Reference:**

Bureau File 76-9296. PREVIOUS RECORD OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_  
Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated 1-11-43, at Cincinnati, Ohio; report of Special Agent JOHN BURKE DEURY, dated 1-25-43, at Albany, N. Y.

**Details:**

**AT UTICA, N. Y.**

Mr. LEO GORMAN, Records Dept., Savage Arms Corp., when contacted made a search of his records and advised that they reflected that one Model 99, Calibre 300, Savage lever action rifle, Serial No. 401896, was shipped May 7, 1941 to TRACY, WELLS CO., Spring and Front Streets, Columbus, Ohio.

No other information concerning this rifle was reflected in the records.

-- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN --

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                           |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>3 - Cincinnati<br>2 - Albany<br><br><b>52 MAY 22 1943</b> |                         | <b>1 MAR 12 1943</b><br><i>[Stamps and signatures]</i> | RECORDED<br>INDEXED<br><i>[Stamps and signatures]</i> |

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Columbus, Ohio

Will make inquiry at the TRACY, WELLS CO., located on Spring and Front Streets, and obtain all pertinent information concerning the Model 99, Calibre 300, Savage lever action rifle, Serial No. 401896, which was shipped to that firm on May 7, 1941, from the Savage Arms Corp., Utica, New York.

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I thought you would be interested in knowing that William Isaac Redkay and Samuel Ricketts, two extremely ruthless and dangerous criminals who were among the five felons who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio on February 12, 1943, have been apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau at Kansas City, Missouri. Redkay was taken into custody at 7:00 p.m. on March 1, 1943 and Ricketts was apprehended at 6:15 a.m. on March 2, 1943.

Ricketts, Radkay, and Harry Ralph Dever — the latter escapee is currently being sought — were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio on October 31, 1942. In addition to these three, Clarence and Arthur Parsons, brothers, who were sentenced on November 23, 1942 in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio to serve seventy-five years each for kidnaping, also escaped. The Parsons brothers were apprehended on February 17, 1943 in an abandoned house in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio by local officers who were making a routine check of a complaint from the owner of this house that someone was illegally occupying it. It is believed that Dever, the only one of the five escapees still at liberty, will be taken into custody in the near future.

There are attached copies of the Identification Orders issued by this Bureau on subjects Micketts, Redkey, and Beaver.

Respectfully,

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DATE 11-1-5 PRA  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

OF HOOPER AND INVESTIGATION

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### 3. EXPLANATION OF THE CASE

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March 1, 1943

NO. 79  
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TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC HARKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1571; SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1575; HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1862; BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL  
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

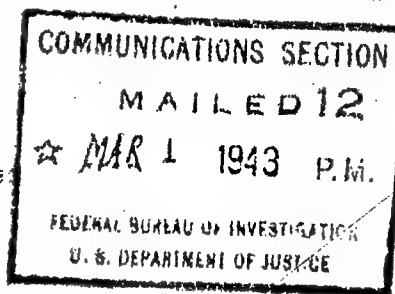
You are being furnished herewith five snapsh finished copies  
each of the photographs of fugitives Harkay, Ricketts and Bever.

These are for the use of your division in the event  
photographs separate from the identification cards are desired  
for use in displaying these witnesses of the commission purposes.

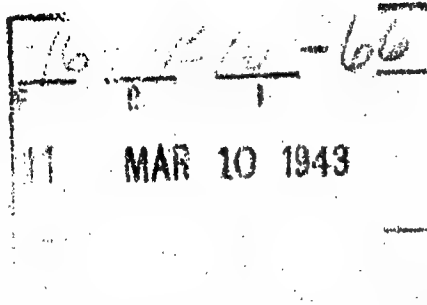
The office of origin in this case is Cincinnati, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 2-22-43 3:15 PM dlm

**LATENT**  
**EXPEDITE**

Re: **HARRY RALPH NEVER, was, et al,**  
**FUGITIVES**  
**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS**  
**FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**

File # **76-9296-**  
Lab. # **99734**

76-9296-

Examination requested by: **Cincinnati (76-964)**

Date of reference communication: **let 2-18-43**

Date received: **2-22-43**  
**JP**

Examination requested: **Doc - Fapt**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Robyak**

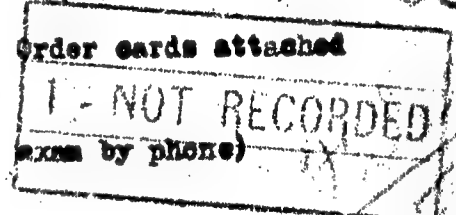
Specimens submitted for examination

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- Q1 Env pm Louisville, Ky., Feb. 17, 1943 *and* adr to Mrs. Cloyce Wilson, 3563 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q2 Asp handwritten note bgn "Doctor is in a corner....."
- Q3 Env pm Louisville, Ky, Feb. 17, 1943 adr to Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q4 Asp handwritten note bgn "Man tied up in....."

RETURN EVIDENCE

(Jackets have not been called for. Identification Order cards attached by Supervisor K. C. West.)

( Please advise Supervisor West of results of exam by phone)



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 2/24 1942

FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

76-9296 -  
Case Number:

No latent fingerprints developed \_\_\_\_\_

Iodine prints developed on \_\_\_\_\_

Silver nitrate prints on ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

E. P. Coffey

By: Erickson  
Examiner

JCK:MFV  
76-9296

March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1870; WILLIAM ISAAC MADKAY, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1871; HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1869,  
ET AL; BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of Apprehension Order  
Number 847, on Fugitive Samuel Ricketts, Identification Order  
Number 1870.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSURE  
RECORDED  
MAR 10 1943  
MAR 15 1943

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 8, 1943

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:

16 0 29 F 000 24  
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APPREHENSION ORDER NUMBER:

1870-847

FBI NUMBER:

1,485,280

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases;  
George Mason, Sam Rickett, Sam Ricketts,  
Bob Roberts, George Roberts, T. Roberts,  
Thomas Roberts, "Doc" Ricketts, George  
Thomas, George Wright, Robert Wright,  
"Shingle".  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Identification Order Number 1870 on the above named subject is  
hereby cancelled inasmuch as he was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 2, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED 2  
★ MAR 9 - 1943 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1870

76-9296-64

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Re

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March 2, 1943

JR:FSM

76-9296 -

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, et al  
FUGITIVES, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1943, transmitting the following described specimens for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #76-964:

- Q 1 Envelope postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, and addressed to Mrs. Cloyd Wilson, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Q 2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Doctor is in a corner...."
- Q 3 Envelope postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, and addressed to Chief of Police, Station 1, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Q 4 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Man tied up in....".

You are advised that the above-listed specimens were examined and five latent fingerprints were developed. Of these, four were developed on the outside of specimen Q 1 and one was developed on the inside of specimen Q 3. These latent prints were compared with the fingerprints of Harry Ralph Bever, #FBI-2h13512, William Isaac Rathay, #FBI-911699, Samuel Ricketts, #FBI-1486280, Clarence A. Parsons, #FBI-2135406, and Arthur R. Parsons, #FBI-1759011, but no identification was effected.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ You are being separately advised as to the results of the laboratory  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ examination conducted.  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED 5:58

MAR 4 - 1943 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

76-9296-63

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut  
February 27, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEYER, was., FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAC RATKAY, was., FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE;  
CLEMENTE ALBERT PRASONS, was., FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PRASONS, was., FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Cincinnati Field Office dated February 15, 1943, to all Field Offices, and to the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, made February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

A review of the New Haven files reflects that all leads in this Field Division have been covered. The flyers relating to the Subjects have been distributed as requested.

Accordingly, this case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Simons*  
A. H. Simons  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
March 3, 1943

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

TO ALL SAC'S IN CONTINENTAL UNITED  
STATES EXCEPT CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY  
AND WASHINGTON FIELD

WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY WAS FUG TO ONE EIGHT SEVEN ONE, SAMUEL RICKETTS WAS FUG  
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SUBJECTS APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY.

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cc - Bureau, San Juan, Honolulu (ASBU)  
Cincinnati (regular mail)  
Kansas City "  
Washington Field (special messenger)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
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KCH:MP  
76-9296Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 24, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1870  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1871  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1869  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

The above Federal prisoners escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943. Ricketts, Radkay and Bever were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, which occurred on October 31, 1942. Clarence and Arthur Parsons were sentenced on November 23, 1942, in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, to serve seventy-five years each for Kidnaping. Federal complaints were filed against these five subjects on February 13, 1943, in Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with violation of the Federal Escape Act. National Motor Vehicle Theft Act process is also outstanding against Subjects Bever, Radkay and Ricketts.

Immediate investigation was conducted to locate the subjects and on February 15, 1943, ninety-eight thousand fliers bearing the photographs and descriptions of these individuals were prepared and forwarded to the field. At 7:10 P.M. on February 17, 1943, the Cincinnati Police Department apprehended Clarence and Arthur Parsons in an abandoned house in Saylor Park, which is a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. This house is owned by a Negro woman who noticed two strange white men in it and reported this to the Cincinnati Police Department, following which the subjects were picked up in the company of two sisters, ages fifteen and seventeen, respectively. The parents of these girls, Everett and Florence Mitchell, and one Mike Scott have since been picked up by Bureau Agents and have been charged with harboring the Parsons brothers.

Intensive investigation is being conducted to locate Subjects Bever, Ricketts and Radkay and Identification Orders, copies of which are attached hereto, have been prepared and forwarded to the field on these subjects.

RECORDED & INDEXED  
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Respectfully,

A. Rosen



Attachments

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
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Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
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Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Beahm ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓



**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1870**

February 19, 1943

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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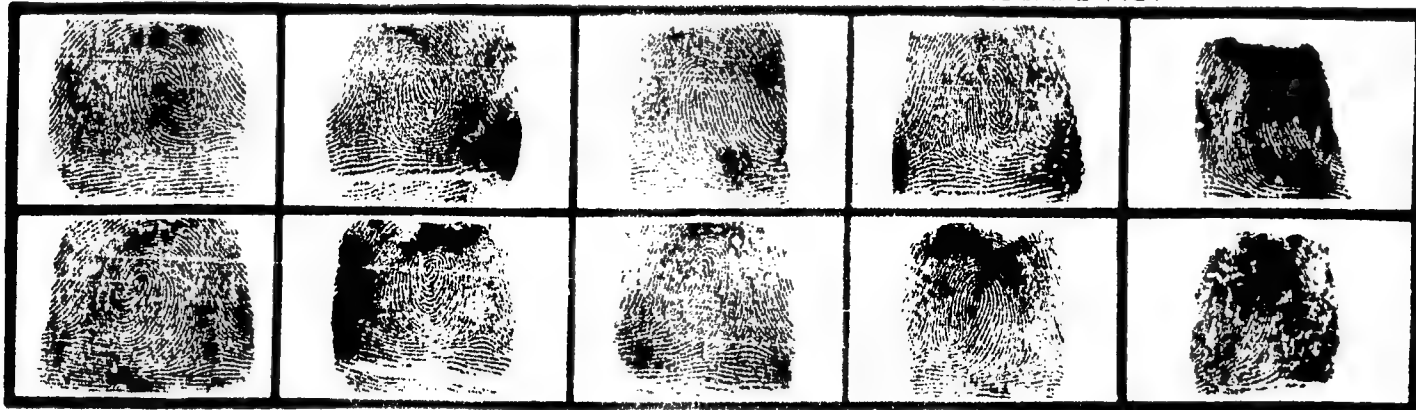
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**WANTED**

SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases; GEORGE MASON, SAM RICKETT, SAM RICKETTS, BOB ROBERTS, GEORGE ROBERTS, T. ROBERTS, THOMAS ROBERTS, "DOC" RICKETTS, GEORGE THOMAS, GEORGE WRIGHT, ROBERT WRIGHT, "SHINGLE".

**BANK ROBBERY**

**NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 24 years, born December 26, 1914, Lincoln County, Kansas, height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches; weight, 135 pounds; eyes, dark brown; hair, black; complexion, medium; build, slim; scars, missing nailnails on American, Education, 8th grade; Occupation, Bakery, current; Family, Mrs. Sam, missing; left eye, forehead, prominent lower jaw, sunken eyes, forehead, scars of injury (scar, scar, scar).

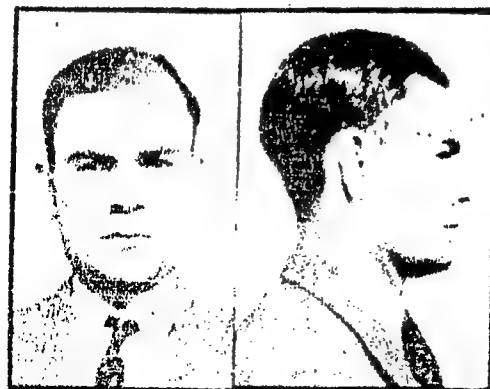
Photograph taken December 1, 1942

**RELATIVES**

Mrs. Julia Deane Ricketts, mother, 1522 Montgall Street, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Neola Ricketts, also known as Ray Carroll, Ray Ricketts, wife, 3515 Central, Kansas City, Kansas; Henry Aaron Ricketts, brother, 1522 Montgall Street, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Velcey Williams, sister, 2018 South Hill, Abbeville, Kansas; Mrs. Glenn (Ruth) Holloway, sister, E. R. 910, North Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Michael (Stella) Dowe, sister, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Dorothy Rose Coviding, sister, 1017 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1934; charge, burglary; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.  
As Sam Ricketts, #5565, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1934; charge, burglary (various charges); disposition, 30 days for petty larceny, 30 days for burglary.  
As Sam Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.  
As Sam Ricketts, #5565, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released.  
As Thomas Ricketts, #14866, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 14, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #27118, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to St. Paul, Minnesota.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #14866, arrested St. Paul, Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to St. Paul, Minnesota.  
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*Samuel Ricketts*

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 27, 1942, charging subject Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Chapter 37, Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2161, in that he did, on October 31, 1942, escape from the custody of the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department, to Leavenworth, Kansas, and to have been there.

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The enforcement agencies hereby request any additional information to be furnished to the nearest branch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation located in the nearest branch office.

1-466,280

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director

February 22, 1943

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

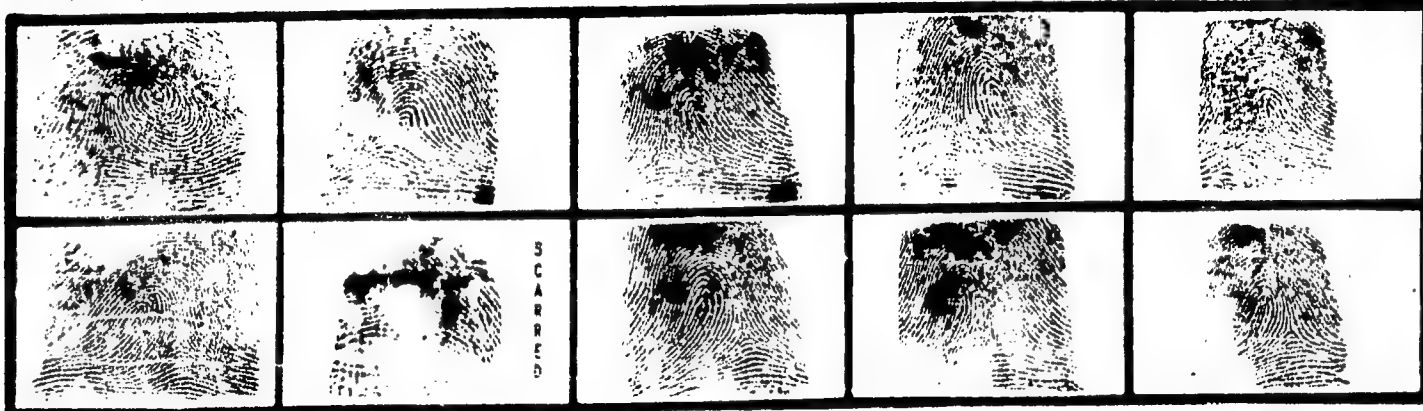
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# WANTED

WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases: JAMES MURPHY, SAMUEL ISAAC RADKAY, WILLIAM RADKAY, SAM RADKE, WILLIAM I. RADKEY, WILLIAM RATKAY, WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WILLIAM RATKY, WILLIE RATKE, WM. I. RATKE, WILLIE RATKEY, BOB REESE, S. R. REUBEN, SAMM REUDEN, SAMMY ISAAC REUBEN, WILLIAM RODMAN, GEORGE E. ROWAN, SAMUEL ISAAC ROWAN, GEORGE ROWEN, SAM RUBIN, SAMUEL ISAAC RUBIN, "SAM", "WILLIE".

BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT



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On the above was noted by a Federal agent from Forest City, Kansas, on December 3, 1962, charging subject as William Isaac Guthrie with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Forest City, Kansas to Kansas City, Kansas.

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It is requested, please not to the Director Federal Bureau of Investigation U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. or the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the New York Office which is nearest to the New York Office.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

Issued at: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

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YOUR OFFICE AIR EXPRESS TONIGHT FOR DISTRIBUTION DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS.

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OUTREMONT, QUE.

To MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,

DIRECTOR OF F.B.I.,

WASHINGTON D.C.,  
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Your communication of February 18th in relation to

HARRY RALPH BEVER

has been received.

Investigation will immediately be made and you will be promptly  
advised of the result.

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*J. R. Griffith*

Chief of Police.

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Date: February 22, 1943

To: SAC, Honolulu

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC HARKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith six copies each of Identification Orders #1870 and #1869 on Subjects Ricketts and Bever, respectively.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1870;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1871;  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1869;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SAC Brantley, Kansas City, phoned to advise subject Radkay was apprehended on Trobst Avenue near 32nd Street by Special Agents Milton Dickerson and Ruskin R. Lines who recognized Radkay on the street. Radkay was immediately taken to the Kansas City Field Division where he is being held. No publicity of any sort will be given this apprehension by the Kansas City Office and none should be given by the Bureau pending further developments looking toward the apprehension of subjects Bever and Ricketts. Mr. Brantley was advised it was the Bureau's desire, if possible, to make a simultaneous release in this case here at the Bureau and in the Kansas City Office. Brantley stated information has been obtained regarding the place where the subjects are believed to have been staying but that they are not at this address at the present time. The purpose of this call was merely to place the Bureau on notice regarding the progress of investigation, and Mr. Brantley did not go into detail because he was leaving the office with Agents in an effort to apprehend Ricketts and Bever at the time of the call. He stated he would promptly notify the Bureau of further developments and no press release would be made in Kansas City until the Bureau received further notice.

The above information was given to Supervisor J. B. Minor in Mr. Nichols' Office in the absence of Mr. Nichols who stated he would immediately advise Mr. Nichols of the above facts. I further advised Minor that Supervisor J. B. Greene, Crime Records Section, thoroughly reviewed the files of this case and prepared background data on the subjects to be given the press as was done in the Touhy Case, and that this data, together with the Identification Orders on the subjects and the information concerning the subject's apprehension, which would be furnished as soon as possible should be sufficient to prepare a suitable press release. Mr. Minor stated he would contact Greene and handle this matter.

Respectfully,

L. C. West



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| CINCINNATI, OHIO: 2-10-43 : 2-13, 14-43 :  | JOHN A. REITHE : NCW |
| Title:   | Character:           |
| <p>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. Larry James Egan, Fred Matthews, Harry Beaver - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>WILLIAM ISAAC RATKA, was. William Ratkay, William A. Ratkey, William Isaac Ratkay, William Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Rustin, Samuel Rowan - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>SAMUEL RICKETS, was. Sam Rickett, Thomas Roberts, George Wright - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was. Clarence Wells; Woodrow Holbrook - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was. Arthur Wells, Arch, Bill, - FUGITIVE</p> |                      |

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS and FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

## Synopsis:

HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., WILLIAM ISAAC RATKA, was., SAMUEL RICKETS, was., all awaiting Federal Indictment for bank robbery, together with CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was., and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was., brothers, presently under sentence of 75 years each, for violation of the Kidnaping Act. All five subjects escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6:15 PM, 2-12-43, after slugging guards and locking three prisoners, guards, and matron in cells. U.S. Attorney, Cincinnati, authorized prosecution of all five subjects for violation of Section 753 H, Title 18, U.S.C.A. Complaint filed, warrant issued by U.S. Commissioner, non-rated U.S. Marshal all on 2-13-43. Criminal records, family background and method of operation of subjects are set out.

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DETAILS:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent HERMIT L. WESTMAN, dated 12-14-42, made at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the case entitled, "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC HEDLEY, was., FUGITIVE; EARL RALPH BOWEN, was., FUGITIVE; Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42"; with the character, "BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT."

For the information of all offices of the Bureau in the Continental United States, it should be noted that SAMUEL RICKETTS, EARL BOWEN and WILLIAM HEDLEY, prior to their arrest at St. Paul, Minnesota, on 11-23-42, were known as desperate criminals and had, previous to this, been engaged in robberies which may have extended over the entire United States.

Subject BOWEN was arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, after shooting a United States soldier in uniform without provocation. These three subjects are known to have acquired their weapons which were all confiscated and are presently in the possession of this office, through the means of burglarizing hardware stores in Cincinnati and other cities. CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, brothers, who were convicted for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Act and sentenced to serve 75 years in a Federal Penitentiary, are known to be without scruples and probably just as dangerous as the former three. The PARSONS brothers, however, subsequent to their arrest, feigned insanity; however, were found legally sane and convicted.

It should also be noted that in view of the desperation of all five subjects, all investigative leads that are presently set out in the case entitled EARL RALPH BOWEN, WILLIAM ISAAC HEDLEY, SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942, and leads set out in this report, should be conducted in the greatest expeditious manner. Exercise the greatest of caution in apprehension of any of the five subjects.

This report is a joint review of the file and investigation by Special Agents L. ALFRED OBERSTEIN, PAUL H. HOFFER, and the writer.

Assistant United States Attorney VERN H. WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio, when apprised of the escape of the five subjects in this case, authorized prosecution of all five subjects under section 753 H, Title 18, U.S.C., which section covers both subjects who have been committed to the custody of the Attorney General and those

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who have been lawfully arrested by any officer of the United States or committed to an institution for safekeeping by the United States Commissioner.

Complaint filed and warrant issued before United States Commissioner J. PALLANOGHEGAN charging all five subjects with willfully, unlawfully, feloniously escaping from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, at about 5:15 PM, February 12, 1943, by forcing their escape and doing bodily harm to guards of the Hamilton County Jail, after having been committed to that institution as Federal prisoners under due process of law.

Alias warrants were obtained. Warrants non-ested, United States Marshal, February 13, 1943, copies of which are being retained in subject's file.

The following was dictated by Special Agent COLLEEN S. OTTO:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

The following information was related by JAMES G. BEHLE, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio, who advised that the subjects were incarcerated in the south block, east range of the Hamilton County Jail.

At approximately 5:30 P.M. on February 12, 1943, the subjects called for a guard and complained that the plumbing in their cells was overflowing, and flooded their cell; a colored trusty gave a mop to one of the subjects and called ALBERT KREUBER, Deputy Sheriff, who was in charge of the south block, east range, who secured a mop bucket and opened the main cell gate of the south block, east range, which in turn, unlocked the individual cells occupied by the subjects and they immediately rushed him and pulled him into the cell, locked the same and removed his keys from his person. (1)

Two of the subjects remained at the cell to guard Deputy Sheriff KREUBER and the others proceeded to the north cell block and overpowered JAMES BOEHMANN, Deputy Sheriff, who was in charge of the north cell block and they brought him to the same cell occupied by Deputy KREUBER and locked him in that cell with KREUBER. Two of the subjects remained at this cell as guards, and the remaining three subjects proceeded to the kitchen and prepared to cook a meal as the five subjects had openly discussed the plan to force Deputy Sheriff BOEHMANN to carry a tray to the main cell gate and to inform Deputy Sheriff BENNETT LYNN that his dinner was prepared (2)

and have him open the main cell gate and overpower him. Subjects abandoned this plan and placed three guards at the main cell gate and several minutes later, Deputy Sheriff DENNIS RYAN opened the main cell gate and the three subjects overpowered him and beat him up. After DENNIS RYAN had received treatment for shock and facial injuries, he stated that he had opened the main cell gate when he had heard someone kick on it. He then proceeded to the main cell gate and opened it and it was that time, that the three subjects overpowered him.

Deputy Sheriff DENNIS RYAN stated that the three subjects used the following weapons: a roller from a mop bucket, a handle from a cell shower which had been filed to a point at one end, and a long piece of heavy wire which also had been filed to a sharp point at one end.

One subject remained with Deputy Sheriff RYAN and two of the subjects, names not known, then proceeded across the main office and encountered CLAUDE HOLL, Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office, and then forcibly placed him in an isolation cell. One of the subjects remained as a guard and the other subject proceeded to the next floor above, and overpowered Mrs. MARJANET STEPHENS, grabbed her, and pulled her downstairs and placed her in the same cell occupied by CLAUDE HOLL. The subjects removed the keys from CLAUDE HOLL and from DENNIS RYAN. It should be noted, however, that they did not attempt to remove any guns from the gun vault, or from any of the deputies.

At this time, one of the subjects again struck DENNIS RYAN, who fell to the floor and is unable to recall anything that happened after that, except he remembers that the subjects got into the elevator. It is noted that the elevator is immediately outside the main cell gate. It is indicated that the subjects took the elevator to the fourth floor and in a hall on the fourth floor, they encountered WILLIAM V. KELLY, Draftsman of the County Planning Commission Office, and asked him how they could get out of the building and he replied by asking them what they were doing in the building; subjects then forced him to show them the way to the first floor and while on the first floor, an open window was observed whereupon, two of the subjects struck Mr. KELLY several times, and the subjects then jumped out of the window on to the engineer's garage, and hung over the garage and dropped approximately 25 feet to the ground. It is believed that this happened at approximately 5:00 P.M.

The following was dictated by Special Agent J. L. E. RICHARD.

Apparently, then the subjects ran to the intersection of Main Street and Central Parkway, which is at the northwest corner of the Hamilton County, Ohio, Court House, from which the men had just escaped. Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE H. HARR, 2105 Lawn Avenue, Norwood, had stopped at the Main Street and Central Parkway intersection for a red light. When the light turned to green, Mr. HARR proceeded across the intersection when three men ran out in front of the car and stopped him. Mr. HARR was driving a 1935 Ford DeLuxe, four door sedan, bearing 1942 license 740 PA, and motor number 18-2141324. When the car was stopped, a subject opened the door and climbed in over Mrs. HARR and another subject opened the opposite door and dragged Mr. HARR out of the car. Mr. and Mrs. HARR related that they positively knew that four men got into the car and they believe that there were five in all. Such incident happened between 6:00 and 6:15 P.M. The subjects then took possession of the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. HARR and it is believed they proceeded in an easterly direction toward Reading Road.

Mrs. HARR then went to a nearby store and telephoned the Cincinnati Police. Neither Mr. Harr nor Mrs. Harr were harmed. It is noted that their car did not have very much gasoline in it.

At approximately 7:15 P.M., Cincinnati, Ohio Police radio station W.H.D.U. announced that the 1935 Ford bearing 1942 Ohio license 740 PA was believed to have been seen on Reading Road near Forest Avenue.

At approximately 8:40 P.M., Cincinnati Police radio station W.H.D.U. announced that the 1935 Ford Sedan had been abandoned on Burton Avenue in Avondale and that a gray 1941 Chevrolet Sedan had been stolen from the driveway at 678 N. Crescent Avenue in Avondale, Cincinnati, at approximately 8:15 P.M. Such car belonged to WILLIAM BOHLEN who lives at 678 North Crescent Avenue. Such automobile had 1942 Ohio license 47 SH. It is noted that the 1935 Ford was found abandoned in the immediate vicinity of where the 1941 sedan was stolen.

Soon thereafter, Cincinnati Police broadcasted that the 1941 Chevrolet Sedan was seen in Eden Park. The next broadcast indicated that such automobile had been wrecked in the rear of the greenhouse located in Eden Park and that two men, presumably the PARSONS brothers, had escaped down the hill.

Captain WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON of the Hamilton County Police, later advised that Patrolman GEORGE HENNING had pursued the

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1941 Chevrolet through Eden Park. Patrolman GLENN HENRY, according to Captain WIGGINGTON, had shot at the car, but had been unable to capture the two subjects in the car. Thereafter the Cincinnati Police broadcasted that there was a blockade around Eden Park to prevent the escape of the subjects, but the subjects were not apprehended.

Chief Deputy Sheriff JOHN BEHLE produced correspondence of subject HICKETS which indicated that he had recently received a valentine card from "L. HICKETS, 3825 Central Street, Kansas City, Missouri". Such greeting card was signed, "He". There was another letter with the return address as 2711 Piery or Peery Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Such letter was signed, "THELMA C. L. H. L. Y". There was also another valentine card to the subject HICKETS and it was signed "HOI and JUANITA" which was postmarked Kansas City, Missouri.

Chief Deputy Sheriff BEHLE produced the correspondence of subject CLEVENGER which indicated that he had received a valentine card from LEO B. K. L. L., 417 East Seventh Street, Manchester, Ohio. There was another valentine greeting which was signed, "GOME" which had been postmarked, Cincinnati, Ohio. There was no return address on such card. There was a piece of paper with the following address: "Private LEMUEL KIMBLETT, Company C, 729 Military Police, Ft. Benjamin Harrison."

Chief Deputy Sheriff BEHLE advised that THOMAS BEVER had sent a letter to subject BEVER which was postmarked February 11, 1943, 4:00 P.M., Kansas City, Missouri. In the letter, the writer indicated that he intended to secure a job at the Lake City War Plant and that he had recently had an interview with a man from Hamilton, Mass. The writer also indicated that he had not seen CLEVENGER in a long time, but that he would try to see him soon. The writer had dated the letter with love from L. A. L. and T. O. L. and it was signed "G. E. B.". The return address on the letter was 3424 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Prisoner J. R. L. HOFER, who occupied cell 18, the adjoining cell of subject CLEVENGER, stated that he was reading a magazine when he heard the scuffle in the hall. According to HOFER this was the first indication that he had of the jail break. After the subjects had gotten out of their cells, subject BEVER forcibly placed HOFER in a cell with Prisoners T. L. L. and D. L. L. These three were locked in the cell, and

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were not invited to join in the break, according to PC. WFO. WFO insisted that he had no prior knowledge of any planned jail break by the subjects. He stated that he had never been consulted concerning any contemplated jail break. He related, however, that he had observed on January 12, 1943, that the five subjects had conversed together quite frequently.

Chief Deputy Sheriff JOHN FENNEL advised that a brown Dobbs hat size 7 1/4, was found in the intersection at Central Parkway and Main Streets, which had apparently been lost by one of the subjects in taking the 1935 Ford from owner FISH between 6:00 and 6:15 P.M. Such hat had the label of "Harbert W. White, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota" in it. According to Deputy FENNEL, such hat had spots of blood on the lining and presumably it belonged to subject FEVAK.

CHARLES JENSEN, Assistant Warden, Hamilton County Jail, advised that no record of visitors is maintained at the county jail office, except the office records did reveal that on January 7, 1943, RACHEL KICKETTS visited her husband SAMUEL KICKETTS, one of the subjects, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. that day, and CHARLES JENSEN further advised that she had visited her husband on one other occasion, approximately two or three weeks before that date. He further advised that on January 7, 1943, Subject RALPH FEVAK was visited by his brother THOMAS L. FEVAK from 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., and Mr. JENSEN also advised that THOMAS L. FEVAK visited his brother the following day. The following is a record of persons who visited CHARLES and RUTH KICKETT with the permission, by letter, from WILSON H. WILSON, Assistant United States Attorney:

December 11, 1942, Mother of Charles, no name given.

December 30, 1942, Mrs. L. P. KICKETT, Mother.

December 30, 1942, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT, LEO KICKETT, and DONALD KICKETT.

January 1, 1943, LEO KICKETT, DONALD KICKETT.

January 7, 1943, CHARLES KICKETT and DONALD KICKETT.

January 13, 1943, LUTHER KICKETT, VIRGINIA KICKETT.

January 14, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and VIRGINIA KICKETT.

January 23, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and VIRGINIA KICKETT (3 yrs. old).

January 28, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and Mrs. VIRGINIA KICKETT.

February 6, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and her three children, SAMUEL, LEO and VIRGINIA.

February 9, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT, Mrs. VIRGINIA KICKETT.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING HENRY ELIAS REVERE

He was born on a farm near Hill Grove, Missouri on September 13, 1915 and finished two years of high school education at the West Junior High School at Kansas City, Kansas. He is described as:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Age        | 26   |
| Height     | 5'9 1/2"   |
| Weight     | 175 pounds   |
| Hair       | Light red - wavy   |
| Eyes       | Dark Green, wearing rimless glasses  |
| Complexion | Fair   |
| Build      | Slender  |
| Occupation | Clerk  |
| Scars      | A 2 inch scar at 45 degree on upper lip to right of nose.  |
| Teeth      | Teeth - On gold crown upper right; left center upper - false. Scars a ruby ring on left ring finger.   |
| Relatives: | JOHN REVERE, Father, aged 51, Carpenter by trade.<br>ELIZABETH REVERE nee GIBBS, mother, aged 49, residing at 115 E. 33rd St., Kansas City, Kansas.<br>EDWARD REVERE, ELDER, 29 years of age, brother, employed Post Office, Kansas City, Kansas; last known address - 5422 Harrison St., Kansas City, Kansas; formerly, 27th & Harrison Streets, Kansas City, Kansas.<br>ROBERT REVERE, 20 years of age, single, present, serving in U.S. Army since April, 1941. |

Former places of

Employment: Martin's Office, 219 W. 47th St., Kansas City, Kansas.  
 H. Reich & Sons Produce House, Kansas City, Kansas, address unknown, as a laborer, starting in 1936;  
 Ruhlrich Hotel, 12th & Baltimore Streets, Kansas City, Kansas, off and on during 1938 to 1941, as bell-hop and porter's desk.

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Subject BAKER enlisted in the United States Army February 23, 1942, and was inducted at St. Louis, Missouri and was sent to Camp Butts, Mineral Wells, Texas, on March 2, 1942. He was transferred to Ft. Benning, Georgia on August 1, 1942, from where he deserted on August 7, 1942, and is presently a deserter.

BAKER arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 23, 1942 when he resided at the Empor Home Hotel, until August 30, 1942. He left Cincinnati on one occasion and returned in the early part of October, 1942, and was in Cincinnati, and identified as one of the three subjects who took part in the robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942. Subject BAKER was arrested by Captain CLAYTON HOLSEBY and a squad of men by the Minneapolis Police Department on the evening of November 25, 1942 after Subject BAKER had shot a soldier in the United States Army in full uniform, through the lower jaw. He was turned over to Federal authorities at St. Paul, Minnesota and removed to the Southern District of Ohio where he was awaiting prosecution for violation of the Bank Robbery Act. Case presented to Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 10, 1943; indictment as yet has not been returned.

Following is a criminal record of Subject BAKER, FBI number 2413512:

St. Louis, Mo. Kansas City, Missouri, as HARRY L. BAKER #37095, 3-29-41, charge, investigation; released 3-31-41.

San Bernardino, California, as HARRY L. BAKER, #2806, on 8-13-41, charge - possession of deadly weapon, disposition - \$100. fine or 75 days;

San Bernardino, California, as HARRY L. BAKER, #7194, 8-17-41, charge - P.C. & A.P.C., disposition, 150. or 75 days.

St. Louis, Missouri, as HARRY L. BAKER, #37095, 2-8-42, charge - investigation, disposition - 2-9-42, released, Ch. of Det.

Department, Washington, D.C. as HARRY L. BAKER, #17045348, charge - investigation;

Minneapolis, Minnesota, as HARRY L. BAKER, #34365, 11-24-42, charge - investigation; disposition - 12-1-42, released to St. Paul, Minnesota for prosecution.

St. Paul, Minnesota, as HARRY L. BAKER, #35117, 11-24-42, charge, suspicion of robbery;

U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, as HARRY L. BAKER, #5442, on



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12-4-42, charge - National Bank Robbery, Disposition - Held in County Jail in default of \$25,000 bond, removal to Cincinnati, Ohio.

P.D., Cincinnati, Ohio, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN #41623, (prt received 1-11-43), charge Bank Robbery, (held by U.S. Marshal).

U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN, 11-24-42, Bank Robbery, no disposition.

#13096, P.O. Terre Haute, Indiana, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN, 9-23-42, U. S. Army Disbar; 9-24-42, returned to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ontario, California, August, 1940; charge - assault; \$150 fine and 90 days County Jail (as in prt. #35117).

Contributor - Bureau Field Division, St. Paul, Minnesota, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN, #34805, P.D., Minneapolis, Minnesota on 12-21-42, charge - investigation.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING CATHOLICISM

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| born            | December 30, 1914   |
|                 | at Atchison, Kansas   |
|                 | (Until the age of 14, was inmate of the Federal House for Juvenile Delinquents at Independence, Missouri, where he was put by his father. |
| Age             | 28  |
| Weight          | 145 pounds  |
| Height          | 5'11"   |
| Eyes            | Black   |
| Hair            | Black   |
| Complexion      | Fair  |
| Build           | Slender   |
| Characteristics | - long narrow, smoke cigarettes incessantly.  |
| Tenure          | Good  |
| Scars or marks  | None  |
| Arrested        | Several times.  |

Subject BRYAN has also been identified as one of three subjects taking part in the bank robbery as was previous subject BRYAN.

Subject BRYAN is known as subject BRYAN.

1. Gary - CHAS. BRYAN, 10 years old 12 years.  
2. Gary, JIM BRYAN, 10 years old 12 years, residing 3020 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri; brother - HARRY BRYAN, aged 40, married, unknown, playing at Webster Hotel, Kansas City, Kansas.

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Sister - Mrs. VILMA BLINDE, aged 39, address - unknown, but residing in Kansas City, Kansas; sister, Mrs. LETH HOLLOMAN, wife of ALBERT HOLLOMAN, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, address - unknown.  
 Sister - DOLORES BRIGHT, wife of JAMES BRIGHT, residing at Kansas City, Missouri, further address, unknown;  
 Sister - STELLA BARK, wife of ROBERT BARK, residing at 1324 Westport Street, Kansas City, Missouri.  
 Sister - K. G. GILLOM, residing 2619 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, who has been separated from subject BRIGHT since June, 1941. She is employed at Noble's Cafe, 12th Street and Main, Kansas City, Missouri;

CRIMINAL RECORD OF SUBJECT - BRIGHT

API #1406200

|                               |                 |          |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|--|
| Ad. Kansas City, Mo.          | Samuel Richards | 3-17-38  | Burg. 4-22-39, 30 days Co. Jail  |
| Ad. Kansas City, Mo.          | Samuel Richards | 3-17-38  | Burg. & 4-22-39, burg. larc. chgs. red. to 2 chgs. P. L. - 30 days Co. Jail.                         |
| Ad. Kansas City, Mo.          | Samuel Richards | 9-6-39   | Inv. burg. 10-2-39, larc. 6 mos. Co. Jail, Crim. Ct.   |
| Ad. Kansas City, Mo.          | Samuel Richards | 9-6-39   | P. L. 10-2-39, 6 mos. Co. Jail, Jail time allowed  |
| Ad. Kansas City, Mo.          | Samuel Richards | 11-30-40 | Inv. 11-7-40, red.   |
| Ad. Minneapolis, Minn.        | Samuel Richards | 11-24-42 | Inv. 30 notation   |
| Ad. St. Paul, Minn.           | Samuel Richards | 11-24-42 | Sup. of robbery  |
| Ad. St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn. | Samuel Richards | 12-1-42  | Ad. Paul Bank Robbery held in Kansas Co. Jail in D.S. 25,000 bond (for removal to Cincinnati, Ohio.) |
| Ad. Cincinnati, Ohio          | Samuel Richards | 11-24-42 | Bank robbery   |

Ad. Kansas City, Mo., 1935 Shoplifting, 30 days Co. Jail.

—, Kansas City, Mo., 1937, Inv. Murder; rel.  
 —, Kansas City, Mo., 1938, Poss. of Stolen Property,  
 6 mos. C. Jail.  
 12-1-42, #3484, Home Admits, PD Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Rel. to St. Paul, Minn., PD for questioning. To be  
 taken into custody by the Federal Author., St. Paul  
 to answer a charge of bank robbery at Cincinnati,  
 Ohio.

RELATIVES

JOHN BAKING COMPANY, Omaha, Nebraska, one year, as baker's helper.  
 Over Baking Company, William Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 5 years,  
 as helper and baker.  
 Graham Baking Company, 11th & Virginia Streets, Kansas City, Missouri,  
 1 year as baker.  
 Santa Baking Company, 5th and Oakley Streets, Kansas City, Missouri,  
 1 year.  
 Crystal Baking Company, Sixth, Seventh & Tracy Streets, Kansas City,  
 Missouri, and as a member of Santa Union #213, 14th & Woodland Streets,  
 Kansas City, Missouri.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Birth      | Kansas City, Kansas,   |
|            | September 24, 1911   |
| Age        | 31   |
| Height     | 5'9"   |
| Weight     | 130 to 135 pounds  |
| Build      | Slim   |
| Hair       | Dark brown - wavy  |
| Eyes       | Brown  |
| Complexion | Medium to dark   |
| Scars      | 3/4" diagonal cut scar, center of<br>left hand; 1 inch circular scar on<br>back of left hand; but cut scar on<br>left palm; 10 back shots in body<br>since March 6, 1935, four of which<br>are lodged under skin of chest. |
| Place born | 9th grade, St. John Baptist school,<br>North Fourth Street, Kansas City, Kansas  |

Relatives:

Father - BENJAMIN BAKING, deceased since 1913; mother - MARY BAKING THOMAS-  
 BAKING, 510 Splitler, Kansas City, Kansas. Married 24 years ago to  
 BENJAMIN BAKING. Upon death of father, was placed in St. Vincent's

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Mark for Childs met Lawrence, Kansas. At the age of 14, he was adopted by foster parents, LILL and ISAC MARK, no relatives to his true father, residing at 250 North Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Brother - JOSEPH MARK, aged 36, invalid, residing with his mother. Sister - Mrs. ANNE WELSH, aged 26, wife of JOHN WELSH, a former night-club bouncer, residing 600 block, Orville Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Step-sister, ELIZABETH THOMAS, aged 19, residing with his foster-mother; Step-brother, FRANK THOMAS, aged 22, presently in the United States Army,

#### EMPLOYMENT

1927 - 1928, Culahy Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas, superintendent - HARRY SCHLOSS.

1928 to 1929 - Fairfax Airport, Kansas City, Kansas;

Spring of 1928 to December 5, 1931, Armour Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas, Foreman - JAMES THOMAS.

Oliver's Furniture Store, 900 block, Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, December 21 to December 27, 1940; Kansas City Structural Steel Company, 21st Street, and Metropolitan Garage, Kansas City, Kansas, December 28, 1940 to December 15, 1941 under foreman LARRY HOLLAND.

The records of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department reflect that there are presently three cases pending against subject MARK, two for robbery, first degree, and for assault and intent to rob, and also wanted for jumping bond for \$10,000 in connection with the above cases; also wanted for questioning of unsolved robberies occurring there during 1942 which all bore the method of operation of Subject MARK. Subject identified as one of three subjects, along with subjects THOMAS and WELSH, as taking part in the bank robbery of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942.

Upon arrest by Captain CLARENCE MCLELLY of the Minneapolis Police Department, Subject MARK jumped out of a hotel window in trying to effect an escape, but broke his left arm and knocked himself unconscious which caused his arrest.

#### CHARGE SHEET OF SUBJECT MARK

FBI # 911699

|  |                             |          |                 |                |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| FD, Kansas City, Kans                  | WILLIAM E. C<br>MARK, #4791 | 4-15-31  | highway robbery | rd.<br>4-16-31 |
| Arrested on Jail<br>Kansas City, Kans. | WILLIAM E. C<br>#4791       | 11-10-31 | highway robbery |                |

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|                                   |                          |          |                       |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| St. Ind. of<br>Hutchinson, Kansas | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #9950  | 1-17-32  | highway robbery       | 10-21 yrs.   |
| PD, Topeka, Kans.                 | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #3275  | 4-5-35   | Highway Robb.         |  |
| SO, Topeka, Kans.                 | WILLIAM I. LADLEY        | 4-5-35   | Highway robb.         |  |
| PD, Kans. City, Mo.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #23080 | 4-12-35  | robb.                 |  |
| SO, Kans. City, Mo.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #2718  | 4-13-35  | Robb. 1st             |  |
| SP, Jefferson City, Mo.           | WILLIAM I. LADLEY        | 6-4-35   | robb. 1st             | 10 yrs.  |
| PD, Kans. City, Mo.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #23080 | 12-15-41 | Inv.                  |  |
| SO, Kansas City, Mo.              | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #2718  | 12-17-41 | rob. 1st 4 chgs.      |  |
| PD, Minneapolis, Minn.            | WILLIAM I. LADLEY        | 11-24-42 | Inv.                  |  |
| PD, St. Paul, Minn.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #35116 | 11-24-42 | Chasp. of robb.       |  |
| UT, St. Paul, Minn.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #5444  | 12-4-42  | National Bank Robbery | Held in<br>Hansley Co.<br>Jail in<br>def.<br>\$25,000 bail<br>(for removal<br>to Cincinnati, O.) |
| UT Cincinnati, Ohio               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY        | 11-23-42 | Bank robbery          |  |
| PD, Cincinnati, Ohio              | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #41524 | 11-23-42 | bank robbery          |  |

The juvenile arrests at Kansas City, Mo.  
credits to first police arrests at Kansas City, Mo.  
WILLIAM I. LADLEY for escape (date not  
shown).

Notify PD, Kansas City, Mo., per inf. rec. their  
bull. of 3/18/35. In custody per print #46497, St. Jef-  
ferson City, Mo.

\* WANTED: As WILLIAM ISAC LADKAY, for jumping bond  
(rob. 1st 4 chgs.) Notify SO, Kansas City, Mo.  
6-29-42. In custody per prt. #—, PD, Minneapolis,  
Minn.

\* SAM LADKAY, Kans City, Mo., arrested on robbery offense,  
Fori. \$10,000 bond.

\* Kansas City, Kansas, 1931, robbery, 10 - 21 yrs. Hutchinson  
Arst. Parole 10-31-40.

\* 1935, Kansas City, robbery, 10 yrs. Mo. S. Prison, Parole  
10-21-40. (as app. on prt. #35116)

WANTED BY BUREAU: As WILLIAM ISAC LADKAY, W. A.,  
WILSON LADKAY, WILLIAM LADKAY, WILLIAM LADKAY, for  
viol. 18 U.S.C. Notify BPD, Kansas City, Mo., their file  
#25-9066, per inf. rec. therefrom 10-8-42, Bu. file 26-51773.

For the information of all offices receiving copies of  
this report, the following is a brief outline of the method of oper-  
ation of the three subjects, LADKAY, LADKAY and LADKAY:

They are known almost without exception in committing  
robberies, to select for their victims individuals such as gambling es-  
tablishments with a psychology in mind, that these persons will be  
reluctant in filing complaints in that they receive their money through  
illegal means. They are also known to steal automobiles and hide them out,  
particularly the one automobile that they use in committing their rob-  
beries. They will also steal another automobile just prior to the rob-  
bery which is actually used in the get-away. However, the first car  
stolen is the one that is used in the eventual get-away.

They will also steal license plates and have been known  
to have a front plate with numerals different from that of the rear  
plate; however, both being from the same State issue. They are known  
to burglarize hardware stores and usually acquire guns of large calibers  
such as shot guns and rifles. They will in each instance saw the barrels  
and stocks off the shot guns and place black tape around the butt of the  
stock. Guns were found secreted in a brown leather golf bag, other guns  
were found in their personal effects and on their persons at the time of  
the arrest. License plates will be found secreted under the rear seat  
of any automobile found in their possession. They will also rent a  
garage, purchase their own lock for this garage, and the keys to this

lack will usually be found in their possession. It should also be noted that Subject LITKIN appears to be the leader and motivates the actions of the other two subjects. They are prone to associate themselves with respectable lady friends and will usually engage in correspondence with them. They are prone to buy nick-nack presents for these lady friends and forward them by mail. They have also been known to telegraph their lady friends as to when they will appear in a particular city and are also known to have reservations made for them in different hotels by contacts such as in the case at St. Paul, it was done by a member of the Carlos Molina Orchestra. They are also prone to boast about their activities. They are all inclined to buy Florsheim shoes and wear the finest clothes and subjects LITKIN and NYMAN are particularly attached to wearing a suit which appears very flashy, usually containing a pin stripe. All three subjects are known to have good taste and will be found associating with most respectable people and have in the past, represented themselves as being connected with the moving picture industry, salesmen of different types, etc.

They are habitual frequenters of night clubs and possess a particular fancy for having their photograph taken with lady friends. This has been found to be true almost without exception.

They are also known to associate with members of tip-tine orchestras and will usually entertain the orchestras or vice-versa.

It should also be noted that the records as to visitors and mail received by inmates of the Hamilton County Jail, are inadequate and failed to reflect in detail, any possible visitors or correspondence that may have been had with the five subjects in this case with the exception of a few occasions.

REGARDING ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS AND CLARENCE A. PARSONS

CLARENCE A. PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS were found guilty by Federal Jury in the United States District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 23, 1942, on a charge of kidnaping, and both were sentenced on this same date to serve 75 years each to the custody of the Attorney General.

During the investigation of this kidnaping case it was developed that both subjects had associated with one DORIS GRIMSLEY of 417 East Seventh Street, Manchester, Ohio, and that this person had also sent to the PARSONS brothers a valentine for Valentine's Day, February 1943. During the trial of the subjects' case both DORIS GRIMSLEY and her mother, also of Manchester, Ohio, exhibited a great degree of friendliness toward both subjects.

It was determined from Mr. JENNIS RYAN, turnkey at the Hamilton County Jail, that ARTHUR PARSONS had been writing letters on an average of two or three times a week to a girl in Cincinnati, Ohio, named "NOLA". He believed her address was 336 East Fourth Street, that she resides next door to Christ Church. He stated that he has read one or two of these letters and that PARSONS had told this girl, NOLA, that he expects to receive a sentence of 20 years on this kidnaping charge and that if she is willing to wait for him, he will marry her after being released from jail.

It was also ascertained from JIM SULLIVAN, turnkey at the Hamilton County Jail, that CLARENCE PARSONS was writing to a girl by the name of NORA SHANKS who resides at 530 Fourth Street, Cincinnati. This is apparently the same person as the NOLA that ARTHUR is writing to. NORA SHANKS was interviewed at which time she advised that she met CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS two weeks before their apprehension on August 31, 1942, and that she kept steady company with these two boys until the time they were apprehended. She advised that she had been corresponding with CLARENCE PARSONS while he was incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail, although he had never mentioned to her anything about instant case. She stated that her girl friend, LARA KEITH, who is presently working at the Crosley Defense Plant had dated ARTHUR PARSONS.

LARA KEITH resides at 842 Scott Street, Covington, Kentucky, and her telephone number is HENlock 4000. She likewise admitted corresponding with ARTHUR PARSONS.

These contacts were made during the investigation of the kidnaping violation and leads are being set out to interview these two girls for the purpose of obtaining information that may assist in locating the subjects.

The PARSONS brothers were known to associate with ELEANOR CORBETT and BETTY CORBETT who reside at the Buckingham Apartments,



Chalfonte Place and Reading Road in Cincinnati, and ELEANOR CORBETT testified in behalf of the subjects at their trial. Leads are being set out to contact these girls for information that may assist in the location of the subjects.

Subjects' sister, RUTH KENNETT, otherwise known as GOLDIE KENNETT, resides with her husband, TOM KENNETT in Addyston, Ohio. This sister is very friendly towards the subjects and would no doubt harbor them should they come to her for assistance.

The subjects' mother, Mrs. HENRY ELLYN PARSONS, resides on W. . . D. #23, just off Broadway Street in Parkersburg, West Virginia. She is extremely sympathetic towards the subjects and will no doubt assist them should they contact her.

The PARSONS brothers have a sister, Mrs. FRANCES CHICKENBERRY, 431 - 52nd Street, West New York, New Jersey. Another sister, VIRGINIA GALT, is believed to be residing at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

A description of Subject CLARENCE A. PARSONS, as revealed by his Army Service Record, is as follows:

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Born:            | 7/3/19 at Vanceburg, Ky. |
| Height:          | 5'9 1/2"                 |
| Weight:          | 163 lbs.                 |
| Hair:            | Brown                    |
| Marital Status:  | Single                   |
| Army Serial No.: | 15,058,595               |
| FDI Number       | 2135406                  |

A description of Subject ARTHUR WYNNONE PARSONS, as reflected by his Army Service Record, is as follows:

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Born:            | 5/11/18 at Ravenswood, W. Va. |
| Height:          | 5'5"                          |
| Weight:          | 168 lbs.                      |
| Eyes:            | Blue                          |
| Hair:            | Sandy                         |
| Complexion:      | Fair                          |
| Army Serial No.: | 15,063,700                    |
| FDI Number       | 18579011                      |

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ORIGINAL RECORD OF ARTHUR L. PARSONS

FBI #1759011

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #4014, arrested by PD, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 10-9-34; charge, B. E. and L.; disposition, sent to Ind. Sch. Pruntytown, W. Va.

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #B. & O. D-712, arrested by B. and O. R.R. Co., Parkersburg, West Virginia, on 5-7-39; charge, train riding; disposition, 15 days, Wood Co. Jail, Parkersburg, W. Va.

As Arthur Parsons, arrested by S.O., Parkersburg, West Virginia, on 9-29-39; charge, F.L.; disposition, 6 months, Wood Co. Jail.

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #15003700, arrested by War Dept., Washington, DC

As Arthur A. Parsons, #15003700, Provost Marshal, Ft. McClellan, Ala.; 4-21-42, guilty of the 61st Article of War; rel. 6-15-42.

As Arthur Parsons, arrested by FBI, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 9-2-42, charge, Kidnaping. Disposition - Sentenced U.S. District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, 11-11-42 to 75 yrs. Custody, Attorney General.

ORIGINAL RECORD OF CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS

FBI #159400

As CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, #B. & O. D-713, arrested by Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co, Parkersburg, W. Va., 5-7-39; charge, train riding; disposition, 15 days in Wood Co. Jail, Parkersburg, W. Va.

As Clarence Parsons, arrested by B. & O., Parkersburg, W. Va., on 9-29-39; charge, F.L.; disposition, 6 months in Wood Co. Jail.

Arrested by War Department, Washington, D.C., as Clarence Albert Parsons, #15003700.

As Clarence Albert Parsons, arrested by FBI, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 9-2-42; charge, Kidnaping. Disposition - Sentenced U.S. District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, 11-11-42 to 75 yrs. custody of Attorney General.

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All offices receiving copies of this report, and who have reports on the cases entitled "RICHARD ECKHART, was., FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RICHMAN, was., FUGITIVE; HENRIETTA BEN L., was., FUGITIVE, Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42"; with the character, "DANIEL JOHNNY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE, SELECTIVE SERVICE, MEDICAL PHYSICIAN, A.C.", and also the case entitled, CLARENCE ALBERT PETERS was., ALVIN RICHMOND PETERS, was., VIVIAN JONES - Victim; character, KIDNAPING, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFICKING, are requested to review their files with a view to developing any information that can be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subjects involved in this case. All relatives and all associates should be contacted and advised of the prosecutive action that will be taken against them if they harbor or assist the fugitives in this case, and seek their cooperation.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

100-2671470

Will conduct the necessary investigation to determine whether JAMES HENRY has infiltrated at the present location of CL M-100 and JAMES H. HENRY.

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Will contact D. F. G. BERRY, 417 Broadway and Street, and Mr. Meyer, for information concerning the location of subject GILBERT and subject GILBERT.

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11. Contact Marshall and L. H. COLEMAN, Highway Road and Gallatin Place, to determine whether they have knowledge of the present location of G. L. COLEMAN and William Bushko.

Bill contact the subject, 335 Fourth Street, to determine whether the car is of the license in the location of subjects STANLEY and JAMES EARL RAY.

All also received CAROL D'ODONNAN, employed at Roney Friedman Restaurant, Burnett Av and near Rockdale Avenue, in that she has agreed to be of an interview to the Cincinnati office in the above subjects' MATHEW, ALVIN R. and LEONARD attempt to contact her or correspond with her.

Will also keep in close contact with K for H/H/H.

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Chief of Detectives, Cincinnati Police Department, concerning the possible theft of automobiles and automobile plates in Cincinnati subsequent to the escape of the subjects.

Will also maintain contact with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Jailers at the Hamilton County Jail, concerning any information that may come to their attention or any correspondence that may presently be in the mail for the subjects, which have as yet not been received.

AT FURNINGHAM FIELD BUILDING

AT RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA

Will attempt to locate the subjects CLARENCE and ALBERT through their mother, Mrs. WILLIAM R. RICHMOND, and their sister, Mrs. WILHELMINE RICHMOND.

AT INDEPENDENCE ISLAND IN VIRGINIA

AT RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA

Will interview private WILLIAM KINKEAD, Company C, 12th Infantry, concerning the present whereabouts of subject CLARENCE and other subjects. It is noted that CLARENCE RICHMOND was the above mentioned company's sergeant at the time he was in jail.

AT RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA

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Will interview Mr. J. (JACK) L. RICHMOND, at 3029 Central Avenue, the wife of subject ALBERT, concerning the present whereabouts of her husband and the other subjects.

At 2:11 PM, on January 10, 1936, will interview "WILLIAM L. RICHMOND" concerning the present whereabouts of subject ALBERT whom she has recently visited. Will also attempt to learn concerning the identity of "WILLIAM L. RICHMOND" who she recently sent a letter to subject ALBERT.

Will interview "WILLIAM L. RICHMOND" at 3029 Harrison Street, concerning the present whereabouts of her brother and the other subjects. Will also question him concerning the identity and present whereabouts of "WILLIAM L. RICHMOND", ALBERT and ALBERT. It

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# UNDEVELOPED LEADS

is noted that these three individuals were mentioned in the recent letter from him to subject WILSON.

Will review report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. ... dated 1-19-43, at Kansas City, and contact all known relatives of the three bank robbery subjects; will also contact appropriate law enforcement agencies and advise them of the fact that these subjects have caused their escape.

ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

WILLIAM B. ...

Will attempt to obtain information concerning the location of subjects WILSON and ... through an investigation of their sister, Mrs. ... 431 - 52nd Street.

ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

WILLIAM B. ...

Will review their ... and cover all logical leads ... St. Louis ... in previous investigations as to contacts and ... of subjects ... and ... of the fact that the subjects have caused their escape ...

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1943

KRM:MP

76-9296

Call: 10:15 A.M.

Dictated: 10:25 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: SAMUEL BICKERTY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1870  
WILLIAM ISAAC RAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1871  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1869  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

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The following is a summary of recent developments in this case at Kansas City, Missouri, where the subjects have been placed from Thursday evening, February 25, 1943, until 2:30 A.M. this morning. This information was obtained from Kansas City teletype dated February 26, 1943, and a telephone conversation with Acting SAC W. C. Miller.

The subjects are known to have held up and robbed on several occasions a Mr. Gibson who operates Harris Gardens, a beer joint at Kansas City. Gibson usually carries a large amount of money since he does a big business with defense workers and makes a point of cashing their checks. Thursday night a man later identified as Padkay went to the front door of Gibson's home and asked to talk to Gibson. The latter's wife told him Gibson was at Harris Gardens but this individual stated he was "too hot" to go there. Mrs. Gibson phoned the Police Department regarding this incident and local officers accompanied by Special Agent Harold L. Scott of the Kansas City Field Office interviewed her at 2:00 A.M. at which time she identified Padkay's photograph.

About 4:30 P.M. on Friday an individual later identified as Subject Bever called at the home of James L. Smith, 1817 Pendleton Street, Kansas City, Missouri. When Smith, a known contact of Bever, returned to his home, he reported this matter to the Kansas City Police Department and Detective Rex Willis and Special Agent Harold L. Scott of the Kansas City Office proceeded to Smith's home immediately. While they were in Smith's house conducting a routine interview with him, three individuals believed to be the subjects drove up in front of Smith's home in a 1934 green-colored roadster coupe. An individual got out of this car and approached the door but did not enter. Instead he evidently became suspicious and went back to the car. Agent Scott and Detective Willis decided it would be foolish to try to take the subjects alone at this time and Willis phoned the Kansas City Police Dispatcher for assistance. A squad car nearby proceeded toward Smith's home but was sighted by the subjects when it was about a block away. During their flight however, the subjects crashed their car into the automobile parked in



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front of the Smith home by Detective Willis and lost control of their car running it into a tree. This was about 7:30 P.M. last night and they fled on foot under cover of darkness. An intensive search in the neighborhood by Bureau Agents and local police failed to locate them but it was ascertained that a 1940 Pontiac Maroon Colored Coupe, bearing current Missouri license plate #716908, was stolen in this immediate neighborhood about 45 minutes after the subjects' flight and they are believed to have stolen this car.

The car which the subjects crashed into a tree was examined and it was found to bear Motor #8-93142, Serial #37-2827, and to have one current Missouri license plate #453-818 and one 1943 Missouri license plate #453-028. As the Police Squad car approached the scene and during the subjects' flight, the Police fired several shots at them. Examination of instant car reflected 4 shots struck on its left side but did not penetrate the car. In the car an envelope was found bearing two x-ray photographs of feet. These bore a notation on the envelope as follows:

"Referred by Dr. Oscar Bloch, M.D., 2-22-43, fracture of right heel."

The American Medical Directory reflects the following addresses for Dr. Oscar Edgeworth Bloch: Residence, 1953 Bardstown Road, Office 316 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

It should be noted from the above notation and from information already in our possession that the subjects posted a letter at Louisville, Kentucky, on February 17, 1943, and that they were evidently still in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 22, 1943.

In instant car was also found a fireman's coat bearing the name of Captain H. Miller, the date January, 1926, and the number 15538, with a notation that the coat was made at Cincinnati, Ohio, by Lacy and Friedman. Also in the car was a doctor's medical bag with envelopes bearing the name of Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 432 Clark Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. It should be noted here that Dr. Cloyce Wilson is the individual kidnaped and left tied with electric wire in an abandoned house at Cincinnati by the subjects on February 12, 1943, and that at this time one of the subjects was wearing a dark coat with brass buttons described as possibly being a fireman's uniform. Numerous surgical instruments, medicines and the prescription book of Dr. Wilson were also found in the car. Investigation is being conducted in the Louisville and St. Louis Offices concerning the above car and license plates and in the Cincinnati Office in an effort to determine how the subjects obtained the above fireman's coat. Also found in the abandoned car were eight or ten large cans which had been used to carry gasoline and also a hose, evidently used to syphon gas into these cans.

Special Agent Fuller wanted to know whether these cans should be forwarded to the Bureau immediately to be processed for fingerprints but I told him not to do this at the present time since in all probability plenty of latent

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fingerprints could be obtained from the other articles located in the car and further since other information has tied the subjects up with this car. The cans will be held in the Kansas City Office and are not dangerous since no gasoline or fumes are in them at the present time.

A plant is being maintained by Bureau Agents on Ricketts' wife at Kansas City, Missouri. These Agents are staying in her apartment and while she does not appear to be too cooperative, she is allowing this.

At 2:30 A.M. today a local bartender at Kansas City whose name was not immediately available to Special Agent Muller telephoned the Kansas City Office and stated that Bever had phoned him about five minutes prior to this call and requested some money. Bever's call was apparently from a local phone and Bever advised that he wanted this money to use in hiding out in a Negro section of Kansas City, Missouri. This angle is being closely followed by the Kansas City Office at the present time and Special Agent Harold L. Scott is interviewing a Negro night club singer named Julia Lee, who is known to be acquainted with Bever.

Mr. Pennington also talked with Mr. Muller and asked if he had sufficient personnel to handle this matter. Muller stated he did and Mr. Pennington advised him that if it appeared the subjects were about to be taken and that there would be gunfire, the Bureau desired to send in some experienced gunmen. Mr. Muller was also instructed to keep the Bureau fully advised regarding all developments in this case.

This case is presently receiving preferred attention by about twelve Agents of the Kansas City Field Office, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, Police Departments, and the Missouri State Patrol, all of whom are very cooperative with the Bureau.

Respectfully,



H. L. Scott.



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Call: 4:35 p.m.

Dictated: 4:40 p.m.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1870  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1871  
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SAC Brantley, Kansas City, phoned to advise unless instructed to the contrary he was requesting by teletype all Field Divisions in the Middle West as far east as Cleveland and as far west as Denver, to advise their respective local law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for the 1940 Pontiac, maroon-colored coupe which the subjects are believed to be in possession of at the present time. It will be recalled this car was stolen near the place they were last seen, Kansas City, Missouri, on 2/26/43. The car bore current Missouri license plates #716908 when it was stolen. He stated the local authorities at Kansas City have conducted an intensive search to locate this car but have found no trace of it. Mr. Brantley further requested that 2,000 extra copies of I.O.#1871 on subject Radkay be forwarded to the Kansas City office for distribution to physicians and hospitals since it will be recalled that Radkay has a very painful fracture, right heel, which he obtained at the time of his escape at Cincinnati, Ohio. He had this heel x-rayed on the morning of February 23, 1943 at the Jewish Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, and it is entirely probable that he will again seek treatment for this injury. He was advised at this time that his heel should be put in a plaster cast and Radkay stated he would have this done later at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Mechanical Section is preparing 2,000 copies of I.O.#1871 immediately and Mr. Halter in the Chief Clerk's Office is having these forwarded to the Kansas City Field Division tonight via air express.

Mr. Brantley stated that to date no contact of the subjects has been located on whom a technical surveillance would appear desirable, but that this possibility is being kept in mind by the Kansas City office. He said that it appears subjects have no money since when Bever contacted a Jewish bartender at Kansas City at 2:30 a.m. on February 27, 1943 he first asked for \$25., then \$15. and finally stated he could use \$5.00. I told Mr. Brantley that I thought the idea of circularizing the doctors and hospitals at Kansas City regarding Radkay was a splendid idea and that all officers in the Middle West should be on the lookout for the above Pontiac coupe, but that it was my opinion this is presently stored in some garage at Kansas City.

Respectfully,

K. C. West

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

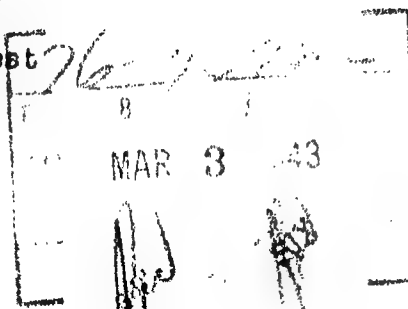
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SAC Brantley, Kansas City, phoned to advise he has ten Special Agents working on this case as a special and that to date there has been no indication that the subjects have left Kansas City. Close contact is being maintained with local police agencies, but the Pontiac coupe which subjects are believed to have stolen on the night of 2/26/43 has not been located. Mr. Brantley has personally interviewed James O. Smith who lives at the house where the subjects appeared on 2/26/43, and also had a Syrian by the name of George Maroon brought to the Kansas City office where he was thoroughly interviewed at 1:00 a.m. this morning. Maroon is known to be a close associate of Ricketts and Radkay and to have assisted them in committing numerous local crimes. He has stated he expects the subjects to contact him in the next day or two and has promised complete cooperation with the Kansas City office. It should be noted Maroon believes he is wanted in the State of New York in connection with some local crimes, and although this does not appear to be true, his impression is not being corrected.

Ricketts' wife is being taken to and from work and is being closely watched, but it should be noted because of the large number of relatives and friends of the subjects in Kansas City, Mr. Brantley states it would take 300 Special Agents to put Bureau plants on all of these and that he is therefore directing investigation toward developing necessary informants. Mr. Brantley stated he would keep the Bureau fully advised of all future developments.

Respectfully,

K. C. West



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MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ET AL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EFP. IN VIEW OF APPREHENSION OF SUBJECTS ARTHUR AND CLARENCE PARSONS AS INDICATED IN TELETYPE FROM CINCINNATI OFFICE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTY THREE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF WANTED NOTICES WHICH CONTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TWO APPREHENDED SUBJECTS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED. WASZZZ WANTED NOTICES JUST RECEIVED THIS OFFICE.

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MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ETAL, FUGITIVES, EFP, FEA. SUBJECTS CX  
CLARENCE AND ARTHUR PARSONS ARRAIGNED FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTY  
THREE BEFORE US COMMISSIONER, CINCINNATI. ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY  
TO VIOLATION OF FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. BOND FOR THIS OFFENSE SET AT  
TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH. FINAL HEARING WAIVED BY SUBJECTS.  
USA, CINCINNATI, DECLINED PROSECUTION OF DAWN AND VIRGINIA MITCHELL FOR  
HARBORING. PROSECUTION OF MIKE SCOTT, ADDYSTON, OHIO, AUTHORIZED FOR  
PARSONS BROTHERS SINCE SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN  
FORTYTHREE. ADMITS PARENTS OF DAWN AND VIRGINIA MITCHELL KEPT SUBJECTS  
IN THEIR HOME AT ADDYSTON, OHIO, SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY FOURTEEN.  
SCOTT TOOK MITCHELL TO XX GIRLS TO WHERE SUBJECTS LOCATED WHEN ARRESTED.  
COMPLAINT AGAINST SCOTT TO BE FILED TODAY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT  
ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. BELMONT

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SACS LOUISVILLE, ST LOUIS, CINCINNATI

DOLT. HARRY RALPH BEVER WAS ETAL FUGITIVES EAP FEA. ABOUT FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY AN INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT BEVER MADE INQUIRY AT HOME OF JAMES O. SMITH, EIGHTEEN SEVENTEEN PENDLETON, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. SMITH REPORTED MATTER TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PD WHO WERE COVERING SMITHS HOME WITH ASSISTANCE OF SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD LOOK SCOTT. ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY PM THREE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECTS BEVER, TARKAY AND RICKETTS CAME TO THIS ADDRESS AND ONE INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED DOOR BUT DID NOT ENTER, BECAME SUSPICIOUS, RAN BACK TO CAR JUST AS KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PD SQUAD CAR DROVE UP. SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED BY POLICE OFFICERS AT CAR WHICH WAS WRECKED SHORT DISTANCE AWAY WHEN THEY RAN INTO A TREE. THIS CAR WAS THIRTYEIGHT PONTIAC EIGHT COUPE, GREEN COLOR, MOTOR EIGHT DASH NINE THREE ONE FOUR TWO, SERIAL THREE SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT TWO SEVEN, BEARING FORTY TWO MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE THREE DASH EIGHT ONE EIGHT AND FORTYTHREE MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE SEVEN DASH NAUGHT TWO EIGHT. EXAMINATION OF CAR REFLECTS FOUR SHOTS STRUCK ON LEFT SIDE BUT DID NOT PENETRATE CAR. IN CAR WAS ENVELOPE BEARING TWO KRAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF FEET, NOTATION ON ENVELOPE AS FOLLOWS QUOTE REFERRED BY DR. OSCAR BLOCH MD TWO DASH TWENTYTWO DASH FORTYTHREE FRACTURE OF RIGHT HEEL UNQUOTE. AMERICAN MEDICAL DIRECTORY REFLECTS DR. OSCAR EDGEWORTH BLOCH, RESIDENCE NINETEEN FIVE THREE BARDSTOWN ROAD, OFFICE THREE SIXTEEN WEST BROADWAY, F LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. IN CAR WAS FIREMANS COAT BEARING NAME OF CAPTAIN H. MILLER JANUARY NINETEEN TWENTYSIX, NUMBER ONE FIVE FIVE THREE EIGHT MADE AT CINCINNATI OHIO BY LEON AND FRIEDMAN. ALSO IN CAR WAS DOCTORS MEDICAL BAG WITH ENVELOPES BEARING NAME OF DR. CLOYCE WILSON, FOUR THREE TWO MAJOR STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO. THIS BAG CONTAINS NUMEROUS SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, MEDICINES AND THE PRESCRIPTION BOOK OF DR. WILSON. MISSOURI

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MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI ADVISES MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE THREE DASH EIGHT ONE EIGHT ISSUED TO WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, FOUR THREE ONE NAUGHT VISTS STREET ST LOUIS, MISSOURI FOR THIRTYSEVEN DODGE SEDAN MOTOR D DASH ~~XXX~~ FIVE DASH TWO FOUR SIX EIGHT FIVE ONE. LOUISVILLE OFFICE REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN REPUTATION DR. OSCAR EDGEWORTH BLOCH AND IF DEEMED ADVISABLE OPENLY INTERVIEW HIM AS IT APPEARS HE MIGHT HAVE EXAMINED ONE OF SUBJECTS WHO APPEARS TO HAVE FRACTURED RIGHT HEEL. ST LOUIS OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, FOUR THREE ONE NAUGHT VISTS STREET, ST LOUIS FOR CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEFT OF MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE THREE DASH EIGHT ONE EIGHT. CINCINNATI SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF CAPTAIN H. MILLER WHOSE FIREMANS COAT WAS FOUND IN CAR. EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BEING MADE THIS DISTRICT BY AGENTS OF LOCAL OFFICERS TO EFFECT SUBJECTS APPREHENSION.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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12:17 A.M.

February 18, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN *18-3*

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

FACTS:

At this time, SAC A. H. Belmont of the Cincinnati Office, advised the writer that Mrs. Wilson, the wife of the kidnaped doctor, had received a letter postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, informing her where her husband could be found.

Mr. Belmont stated this bore out certain other information in his possession that the three fugitives were possibly heading toward Oklahoma.

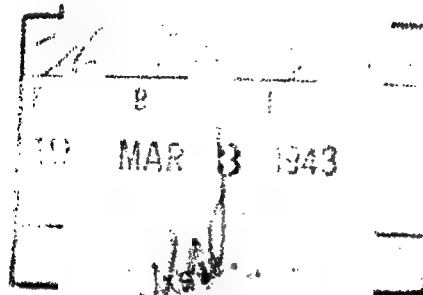
Authority was granted Mr. Belmont, pursuant to his request, to send a teletype to several appropriate offices to request police broadcasts in an effort to apprehend fugitives en route to Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

R. E. SMITH

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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*WEST* ✓



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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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| Mr. Tolson     |  |
| Mr. E. A. Tamm |  |
| Mr. Clegg      |  |
| Mr. Glavin     |  |
| Mr. Ladd       |  |
| Mr. Nichols    |  |
| Mr. Rosen      |  |
| Mr. Tracy      |  |
| Mr. Carson     |  |
| Mr. Egan       |  |
| Mr. Gurnea     |  |
| Mr. Hendon     |  |
| Mr. Pennington |  |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm |  |
| Mr. Nease      |  |
| Miss Gandy     |  |

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FBI ATLANTA 2-17-43  
DIRECTOR AND SAC CINCINNATI

9-34 PM CM

MICE. WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS, ET AL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EFP.  
ATLANTA PD ADVISES RECEIVED RADIO MESSAGE FROM CINCINNATI PD  
AT EIGHT TWENTY NINE PM TODAY STATING CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS  
AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS APPREHENDED, APPARENTLY AT  
CINCINNATI. SUGGEST CINCINNATI VERIFY AND ADVISE INTERESTED  
OFFICES IMMEDIATELY.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
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Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Kramer ✓  
Mr. McGuire ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Beahm ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

February 17, 1943

PHH:LMH

Call: 8:10 PM

Dictated: 8:20 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was, et al  
Fugitives  
Federal Escape Act  
Escaped Federal Prisoners

SAC Belmont of the Cincinnati Field Office telephoned at 8:10 PM, February 17, 1943, to inform that the Cincinnati Police Department had apprehended Arthur Parsons and Clarence Parsons at 7:10 PM.

FACTS

A negro woman, named Susie Haynes, who owns a home at 101 Belmar Place, Saylor Park, which is a suburb of Cincinnati in the flood area, yesterday visited this house in order to survey the damages. She noticed two strange white men who had apparently taken over her home. On February 17, 1943, at approximately 6:00 PM, she called the Cincinnati police radio station and reported the presence of these men in her home. The police on a routine investigation picked up the two men at which time they discovered that they were in the company of two sisters, named Dawn Emma Mitchell and Ella Virginia Mitchell, ages 15 and 17 respectively. Both girls reside with their parents in Addison, Ohio.

PUBLICITY

Belmont advised that he had learned of the apprehension only a short while before his call to the Bureau, at which time it was ascertained that the Parsons brothers were being booked at the Cincinnati Police Department and that there was a large number of newspaper men present who were aware of the apprehension. He expected the matter to be picked up by the Associated Press and to be given wide publicity. He pointed out that due to the fact that he had such short notice of the apprehension he had not, as yet, had an opportunity to question the Parsons brothers or the two Mitchell sisters, but that this would be done tonight in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the other fugitives still at large. He stated that he would keep the Bureau advised of all developments.

Respectfully,



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G. Rosen  
W. Rosen

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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| Mr. Tolson     |  |
| Mr. E. A. Tamm |  |
| Mr. Clegg      |  |
| Mr. Coffey     |  |
| Mr. Glavin     |  |
| Mr. Ladd       |  |
| Mr. Nichols    |  |
| Mr. Rosen      |  |
| Mr. Tracy      |  |
| Mr. Carson     |  |
| Mr. Hendon     |  |
| Mr. McGuire    |  |
| Mr. Mumford    |  |
| Mr. Quinn      |  |
| Mr. Nease      |  |
| Miss Gandy     |  |

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F B I CINCINNATI  
DIRECTOR

2-14-43

12-33 AM EWT

GEW

SHIRT. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, FUGITIVE, WILLIAM ISAAC RAYKAY, WAS, FUGITIVE, SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, FUGITIVE, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, EFP, FEA. RELATIVES, CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECTS IN CINCINNATI AREA CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL WERE WARNED OF HARBORING STATUTE. PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ARTHUR PARSONS IDENTIFIED BY ONE SPENCE, EMPLOYED AT BALDWIN PIANO COMPANY AS MAN APPEARING AT HIS HOME NEAR EDEN PARK, CINCINNATI ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, REQUESTING SHELTER, CLOTHES, AND FOOD AND ADMITTING HE WAS PARSONS. SPENCE HAD NOT HEARD OF ESCAPE AND GAVE SUBJECT A PULLOVER RED SWEATER WITH ROUND NECK AND PAIR OF LIGHT TAN TROUSERS WHICH HE PUT ON OVER HIS OTHER CLOTHES. COMPLAINTS FILED TODAY CHARGING ALL FIVE SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATION OF FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT AND NON EST RETURNS MADE TODAY.

BELMONT

END  
ACK AND HOLD PLS  
12-34 AM OK FBI WASH DC MFT

*cc: Hardison  
note copy*

*ALL MA BELMONT  
COMPLAINTS WERE FILED  
ON 2-13-43*

5 5 MAR 5 1943

*Mr. Rosen  
2/15/43  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Carson .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. McGuire .....  
Mr. Mumford .....  
Mr. Piper .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....

FBI CINCI 2-15-43 12-50 PM EWT SS

MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, FUGITIVE, WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS, FUGITIVE, SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS FUGITIVE, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. FACTS CONCERNING ROBBERY OF AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER THIRTY FIRST NINETEEN FORTY TWO, PRESENTED TO FEDERAL GRAND JURY, CINCINNATI, OHIO, FEBRUARY TENTH NINETEEN FORTY THREE. INDICTMENT CHARGING SUBJECTS BEVER, RATKAY, AND RICKETTS WITH ROBBERY OF THIS BANK TO BE REPORTED FEBRUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN FORTY THREE, CHARGING THEM ~~WITH~~ WITH VIOLATION SECTION FIVE EIGHT EIGHT B OF TITLE TWELVE, AND A SEPARATE INDICTMENT WILL ALSO BE REPORTED CHARGING THESE THREE SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATION OF SECTION FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT, TITLE EIGHTEEN. RESULTS OF INDICTMENT UNOFFICIAL UNTIL ACTUALLY REPORTED FEBRUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN FORTY THREE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS PARSONS BEING FORWARDED AMSD TODAY TO BUREAU.

BELMONT

END  
12-50 PM OK FBI WASH DC PW

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 13, 1943

LBN:JM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: ARTHUR PARSON, ET AL.  
ESCAPE

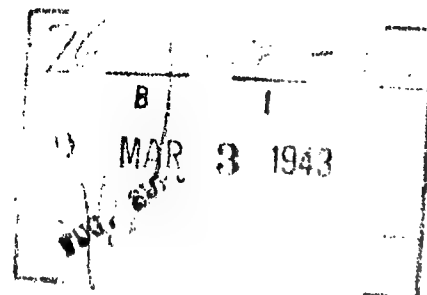
Mr. Rosen advised me of these escapes this morning and pointed out that we needed the pictures of Arthur and Clarence Parson in order to make up wanted circulars. I immediately contacted the AP Photo Service. After referring the matter to their New York Office, they stated they would be happy to have the pictures moved into Washington by Wirephoto but in order to abide by FCC rules they would have to have the approval of a member paper.

Accordingly, I called Mr. Corn of the Star who ordered the pictures, since the wide distribution of the pictures as quickly as possible will be helpful. I also told the AP we would furnish them with the pictures of the other three individuals and sufficient identifying data to prepare captions this afternoon so that all five pictures can be moved to all evening papers. This will be done.

Respectfully,

*LBN*  
L. B. Nichols

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
WEST ✓



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AR:JSF

Rec'd: 12:10 p.m.

Typed: 4:17 p.m.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Escape of 5 Prisoners from  
Hamilton County, Ohio, Jail;  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
2/12/43

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Bashm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
WEST

While talking with SAC Belmont on another case, he stated that apparently the gang stole two cars in Cincinnati; that the second car, a Chevrolet, was crashed through the back of a greenhouse in one of the parks. The police officer chasing them thought there were only two occupants in the car and these two may have been the Parsons brothers. A cordon was placed all over the city last night but Belmont said it was not very well organized. The Cincinnati office sent cars out last night when they received this information but stood by and there was very little they could do.

I told him we are going to try to get some circulars out tonight. I referred to some snapshots of the Parsons which we would like to get. He said all they had was one picture which had with the other four subjects' pictures been turned over to the Cincinnati Post.

I advised Belmont that Mr. Nichols would probably get in touch with him later today and instruct him to get this information out over the wire services. He said he thought this could be done very well.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **76-365**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>OMAHA</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-19-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>RICHARD C. KOBER</b> <i>cff</i>                        |
| TITLE <b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was Fug.; WILLIAM ISAAC RAYKAY was Fug.; SAMUEL RICKETTS was Fug.; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS was Fug.; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS was Fug.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONERS and FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Flyers as furnished by the Bureau forward to all local Law Enforcement Officials on February 19, 1943.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA JOHAN A. HEITER, Cincinnati, February 13, 1943  
Letter from Cincinnati dated February 15, 1943  
Teletype from Cincinnati dated February 17, 1943

**DETAILS:** AT OMAHA

The flyers on the five subjects of instant case were forwarded to all local Law Enforcement Officials in Nebraska on February 19, 1943 by the Omaha Field Division. On February 17, 1943 a teletype was received from the Cincinnati Field Division advising that subjects CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS had been apprehended by the Cincinnati Police Department. In view of the publicity given the capture of the Parsons brothers in the Omaha World Herald, a newspaper which reaches the entire state it was not deemed advisable or necessary to attempt to notify all local Law Enforcement Officials in the State of Nebraska, of the capture of these two subjects.

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~~DISCONTINUED RECORDING~~

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

OMAHA FIELD DIVISION

AT OMAHA

Will maintain contact with all Law Enforcement Officials in the State of Nebraska for any information which may come to their attention in regard to subjects BEVER, RATKAY and RICKETTS.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Call - 9:00 A.M.

Typed - 9:25 A.M.

March 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

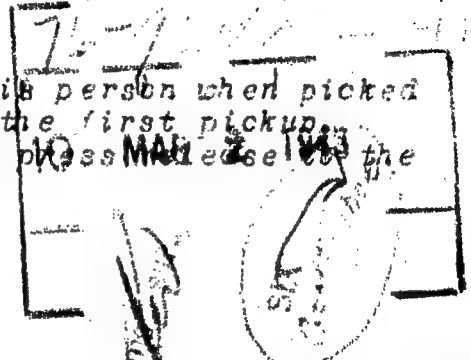
Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, w.as., FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, w.as., FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, w.as., FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1871; SAMUEL RICKETTS, w.as.,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1870; HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, w.as. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869; BANK  
ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

SAC Brantley telephoned ~~from the~~ Kansas City Office to advise that subject Ricketts was apprehended at about 6:15 this morning at 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Brantley stated Ricketts was unarmed, poorly clothed, and practically without funds. Brantley stated yesterday evening's Star ran the pictures of all the subjects on the front page, and immediately the office began to get tips as to where the subjects were living at the Amidor Hotel on East 33d Street, Kansas City.

Brantley stated the story was that Radkay went to a neighborhood drug store to get a paper, came back with the paper in his pocket, and a few minutes thereafter the other subjects began to leave one by one. Brantley stated shortly after a woman in this hotel phoned the office Agents were sent there and had hardly arrived in the vicinity when they recognized Radkay walking down the street about 75 yards from the Amidor Hotel. They apprehended him immediately and took him to the office where he was held overnight. He stated they then maintained coverage of the place all night and about 5 or 6 o'clock this morning the office received a call that two more of the subjects were believed to be at 721 West 11th Street. Brantley stated Agents A. B. Miller, R. L. Murphy, Charles G. Campbell and William B. O'Mahoney, together with four local police officers immediately went to that address and apprehended Ricketts, Bever having left a few minutes before. Brantley stated they are combing the city for Bever and feel sure they will soon be able to find him.

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Brantley stated Radkay had \$3.85 on his person when picked up. He stated the police were not in on the first pickup. Brantley stated he will give an immediate press release to the



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Memo for Mr. Tamm

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Star this morning, since we could not have been so successful in locating the subjects if it had not been for the excellent cooperation and coverage the Star gave the case. He also stated it was necessary to have the local police in on it because with their limited number of Agents they could not have successfully covered the pickups. Brantley stated Agents Milton B. Dickerson and Buskin Lines apprehended Raskay without assistance.

Brantley stated he plans to arraign Raskay and Kicketts this morning and have them removed to Cincinnati.

Respectfully,



A. Rosen



JCK:WP  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

CALL: 3:25 P.M., February 15, 1943

SAC D. Brantley of the Kansas City Office was contacted telephonically by the writer with respect to information desired in connection with the issuance of Identification Orders on the above named subjects. Mr. Brantley was requested to secure the names and addresses of all the relatives of Subjects Radkay, Ricketts, and Bever residing within the Kansas City Field Division and to secure certain dispositions not presently included on the criminal records of these subjects. Mr. Brantley stated he would secure these data immediately and submit the information by teletype.

CALL: 7:50 P.M., February 15, 1943

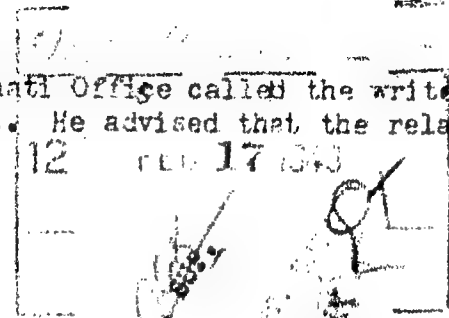
Assistant SAC L. A. Obenshain of the Cincinnati Office was contacted telephonically by the writer and was requested to secure the addresses of the relatives of Subjects Clarence Albert Parsons and Arthur Raymond Parsons, as well as certain dispositions needed to complete their criminal records in order that Identification Orders may be issued immediately.

Mr. Obenshain was also requested to furnish the Bureau with the specific allegations set forth in the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act process outstanding against Subjects Bever, Ricketts and Radkay. He advised that he would submit this information on the following morning.

CALL: 10:40 A.M., February 16, 1943

Assistant SAC Obenshain of the Cincinnati Office called the writer with respect to the information requested above. He advised that the relatives of the Parsons brothers are as follows:

Mrs. Mary Ellen Parsons, mother  
Broadway Avenue, R. F. D. #23  
Parkersburg, West Virginia



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2/16/43 - Radendum: A teletype was received from Kansas City at 2:30 PM asking for the data requested from Mr. Brundley. I.O. on Baver is being set up in Mackinac Section. I.O. on Pashay and Pickels are being typed. I.O. on Parsons section are being typed. Pending receipt of photos from Cincinnati. J.C.K.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

LAO:MCC  
76-964

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RATHWAY, was, FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

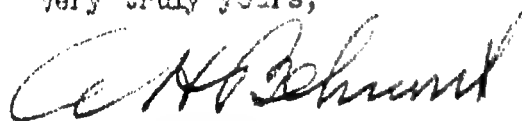
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS.

I am also transmitting herewith a negative of a photograph made by the Cincinnati Times Star newspaper. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS can be identified in this picture as one of the handcuffed persons wearing a sweater. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS is the other handcuffed person in this picture.

For the information of the Bureau, identification can best be affected by those photographs being transmitted from this Office which have already been developed.

Very truly yours,



A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (3)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS  
and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS

Negative of photograph of CLARENCE ALBERT  
PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

ENCLOSURES 2 photographs and negatives  
of ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS  
TO BUREAU  
FROM Birmingham Field Office  
FILE No. 91-dead





~~Clarence~~

~~Clarence~~

~~Clarence~~

Clarence

Parsons



~~Raymond~~

~~Wesley~~

~~Wesley~~

~~Wesley~~

~~Wesley~~

Arthur

Parsons



HARRY RALPH BEVER, was.

LARRY JAMES DUGAN

L.J.DUGAN

FRED MATHEWS

Age 26

Born 9/13/16 Trenton Mo.

5 ft 9 3/8 in

Wt 175

Eyes Med. Blue

Hair Light Red

Comp. Med. Light

Built Med. Stocky

Mpls # 34865

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Home 3226 Walnut

Kansas City Mo.



ISAAC ALRAY, FBI-100-10

# **CORRECTION**

**THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN**

**REPHOTOGRAPHED TO ASSURE**

**LEGIBILITY**



WILLIAM ISAAO RADKAY was  
SAMUEL ISAAO RUEBIN,  
SAMUEL ROWAN, SAM RUBIN  
JAMES MURPHY,  
SAMMY,  
WILLY, WILLIE,

Age 31

Born 9/24/11 Kansas City Kan.

5 ft 9 3/4 in

Wt 153

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Sallow Comp.

Build Slender

Home 250 N. 5th St

Kansas City Kan.

FBI# 911699



Harry Ralph Bever FBI# 2413512

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

NAME Harry Ralph Bever

FBI NO FBI No. 2,413,512

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Bank Robbery, NIMTA,  
CRIME Fed. Escape Act

SEX Male NATIONALITY American

AGE 26 years HEIGHT 5'9 1/2"

WEIGHT 175 lbs. BUILD med. stocky

COMPLEX ruddy RACE white

HAIR red, wavy EYES gray-blue

tattoo, double heart  
& letters "HED" rt arm,  
small scars rt wrist, vaccination  
lt arm, 1/2 inch scar  
lip, scar lt side neck  
lobe lt. ear.



Samuel Ricketts FBI# 1486280

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

NAME Samuel Ricketts

FBI NO 1486280

FPC 16 0 29 W 000 24

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Bank Robbery, NEVTA

CRIME

Fed. Escape Act

SEX Male NATIONALITY American

AGE 28 years HEIGHT 5' 11 1/8"

WEIGHT 135 lbs. BUILD Slender

COMPLEX Sallow RACE White

HAIR Black EYES Dark brown

SCARS & MARKS \_\_\_\_\_

WILLIAM ISAAC RUBEIN, was

SAMUEL ISAAC RUBEIN,

SAMUEL ROMAN, SAM RUBEIN

JAMES MURPHY,

SAMUEL,

WILLY, WILLIE,

Age 31

Born 9/24/11 Kansas City Kan.

5 ft 9 3/4 in

Wt 153

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Build Slender

Home 250 N. 5th St

Kansas City Kan.

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, was.

LARRY JAMES DUGAN

L.J. DUGAN

FRED MATHEWS

Age 26

Born 9/13/15 Trenton Mo.

5 ft 9 3/8 in

Wt 175

Eyes Med. Blue

Hair Light Red

Comp. Med. Light

Built Med. Stocky

Mpls # 34865

FPC 18 L I R 100 5

M I U 110 4

Home 3226 Walnut

Kansas City Mo.

SAMUEL RICKETTS, was

GEORGE WRIGHT, GEORGE RICKETTS

GEORGE MASON, BOB WRIGHT

GEORGE ROBERTS

GEORGE THOMAS

THOMAS ROBERTS

Age 27

Born 12/30/14 Chicago Ill.

5 ft 11 1/2 in.

Wt 135

Eyes Dr. Brown

Hair Black

Built Slender

Comp. Med. Dark

Home /324

3020 Flora

Kansas City Mo.

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P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RATHAY, was, FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL HICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS.

I am also transmitting herewith a negative of a photograph made by the Cincinnati Times Star newspaper. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS can be identified in this picture as one of the handcuffed persons wearing a sweater. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS is the other handcuffed person in this picture.

For the information of the Bureau, identification can best be affected by those photographs being transmitted from this Office which have already been developed.

Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

**February 18, 1943**

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN**

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT

Assistant SAC Obenshain, Cincinnati, was contacted regarding the recent developments of this case.

Following the apprehension of the Parsons brothers, they were questioned and have advised that subjects Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever stated they intended to head for Oklahoma City. They intend to get firearms as soon as possible and pull a bank job.

Yesterday evening the wife of Dr. Cloyce Wilson, who was kidnaped at a Cincinnati hospital, bound with electric wire and left in an abandoned house at Cincinnati by subjects Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever on February 16, 1943, received a special delivery letter postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, at noon on February 17, 1943, which advised that her husband was bound and placed in an abandoned house. A chart showing her exactly how to locate her husband was enclosed with this letter. It should be noted that at the time Dr. Wilson was kidnaped by the bank robbers, his 1936 Chrysler Sedan bearing Ohio license plates, \$100.00 in currency, a physician's grip containing medicine and instruments, and "A" and "B" gasoline ration books issued to Dr. Wilson were taken. All field offices in the continental United States were notified of this fact by the Cincinnati Office by teletype on February 17, 1943, and were requested to make appropriate contacts for complete coverage pertaining to the automobile and the gasoline ration books.

In view of the fact all offices in the continental United States are in possession of flyers on the subjects who are not Identification Order fugitives, I instructed Mr. Obenshain to get out a teletype to all SAC's in the continental United States who have not already been advised of the location of the Parsons brothers.



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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

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Mr. Obenshain stated the details of the apprehension of the Parsons brothers given the press by the Cincinnati police made the front page of the local papers and that it is anticipated these subjects will be turned over to Federal authorities today. They are presently being held in the Hamilton County Jail from which they recently escaped.

Mr. Obenshain was requested to keep the Bureau closely advised of all important developments in this case.

Respectfully,



K. C. West

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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February 15, 1943

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN**

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT

SAC, Belmont, Cincinnati was contacted regarding the recent developments of this case. He stated no recent definite information of value has been obtained, although numerous rumors have been received and afforded attention. Three local detectives are contacting their informants, accompanied by Bureau Agents, and the case is being closely followed with adjoining field divisions. All relatives of the subject's have been contacted and advised of the Harboring Statute. Mr. Belmont said that they have all stated they would harbor the subject in spite of this statute. The originals of the photographs of Clarence and Arthur Parsons which were telegraphed in for the flyers are being forwarded to the Bureau for use on the Identification Orders which are being prepared. By teletype dated February 14, 1943, Cincinnati advised that the photograph of subject Arthur Raymond Parsons had been identified by one Spence, an employee of the Baldwin Piano Company as the man who appeared at his home near Eden Park, Cincinnati about 9:30 P. M., February 12, 1943, requesting shelter, clothes and food. This individual told Spence that he "was Parsons," and that he had escaped from jail but Spence had not heard of the escape and did not know whether to believe this individual but he took pity on him and gave him a pullover red sweater with round neck and a pair of light tan trousers which Parsons put on over his other clothes. Spence stated that Parsons was pretty badly scratched up, evidently from running through brush. This angle is being closely followed up.

I advised Mr. Belmont that approximately 98,000 flyers have been forwarded to field divisions in the continental United States, which is enough to circularize the original Identification Order mailing list before it was reduced to its present number of about 70,000 addresses. I told him the first flyers prepared had been forwarded to the Cincinnati Office and the offices adjoining it and that these should be sent out by these offices as soon as they are received. I requested Mr. Belmont to advise all auxiliary offices who receive teletypes from the Cincinnati Office today that these



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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

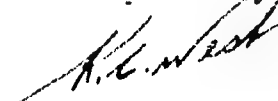
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flyers should be afforded immediate attention. I further instructed Mr. Belmont to get out, air mail special delivery, letters to all offices in the continental United States immediately, advising them that these flyers should be afforded immediate attention.

Mr. Belmont stated that the investigative report which was to have arrived at the Bureau today would not arrive until tomorrow because of certain corrections which had to be made in it. This report will contain the complete details of the subjects' escape.

I asked Mr. Belmont if an indictment had been returned against subjects Ricketts, Radkey, and Bever, since it was noted the facts in connection with their bank robbery were presented to a Federal grand jury at Cincinnati on February 10, 1943. This information is desired for inclusion on the Identification Orders on the subjects. Mr. Belmont stated he has not as yet been advised of the return of these indictments but he believes that he can find out this morning whether they were returned. He will submit the information to the Bureau immediately by teletype. Mr. Belmont was instructed to keep the Bureau closely advised regarding any important developments in this case.

Respectfully,



K. C. West

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Birmingham, Alabama  
February 16, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

As requested in Bureau teletype dated February 15, 1943, in connection with the above styled matter, there are attached hereto two negatives and corresponding photographs of two different views of subject ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, previously secured at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. W. McCullagh, Birmingham, dated August 22, 1942, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, which was later changed to reflect the title CLARENCE PARSONS, with alias; ARTHUR PARSONS, with aliases; VIVIAN WELLS - Victim, Kidnaping, White Slave Traffic Act.

It is to be noted that this office has not previously been advised of any pending case set forth as in the caption of this letter, and no active investigation thus far has been requested in connection with this case. However, a dead file is being made in the Birmingham Field Division, and should the office of origin, which at this time is unknown here, request additional investigation, the same will be conducted.

Very truly yours,

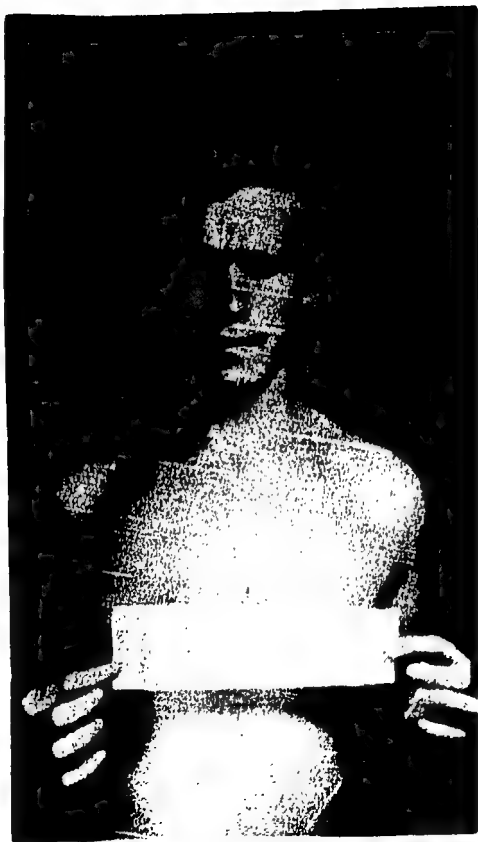
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 76-354

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-27-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-17, 18, 19-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>ELDON J. MUELLER</b> :MFD                               |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br/>ET AL</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CHARLES RADKAY, JOHN RADKAY and JOE RADKAY are distant cousins of subject RADKAY and have no pertinent information concerning him. Subject RADKAY visited CHARLES RADKAY, Gary, Indiana, in 1929 and has not been seen in Gary, Indiana and records, Lake County, Indiana, Clerk Office, checked with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Kansas City teletype to Indianapolis and Cincinnati dated February 15, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 22, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:**

Reference teletype recited that the Kansas City Police Department had received information that subject RADKAY was thought to have been married in Gary, Indiana, date, name of woman or details not known.

He was reported to have had the following cousins who might be able to give information concerning his reported marriage: CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland Street, Gary, Indiana; JOHN RADKAY, 4545 Massachusetts Street, Gary, Indiana; and JOE RADKAY, 5024 Narva Place, East Chicago, Indiana.

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AT GARY, INDIANA

The writer contacted CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland Street, who informed that he, as well as JOHN RADKAY and JOE RADKAY, were distant cousins of subject RADKAY, the relationship being as follows:

Subject RADKAY was adopted when a very small child by one ISAAK RADKAY, 250 North Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas, ISAAK RADKAY being an uncle of CHARLES, JOHN and JOE RADKAY.

Mr. CHARLES RADKAY explained that subject RADKAY was not related to ISAAK RADKAY by blood and that, therefore, there was no blood relationship between subject RADKAY and JOHN, CHARLES or JOE RADKAY.

He informed that ISAAK RADKAY had brought up subject RADKAY from infancy and that ISAAK RADKAY would be the individual who would know more concerning subject RADKAY.

CHARLES RADKAY recalled that ISAAK RADKAY and subject RADKAY had made a trip to Gary, Indiana in the year 1929 at which time they visited him for a few minutes and, according to CHARLES RADKAY, this was the last time he had seen subject.

He further advised that subject at that time was single and he had no information to the effect that subject had been married in Gary, Indiana and was inclined to doubt this fact.

CHARLES RADKAY informed that subject was continually causing ISAAK RADKAY trouble and that the entire relation would be more than happy to bring about his apprehension inasmuch as he had caused them all considerable embarrassment.

The writer interviewed JOHN RADKAY, 4545 Massachusetts Street, who furnished the same information as that furnished by CHARLES RADKAY relative to his relationship with subject.

JOHN RADKAY recalled that in the year 1933 he had visited ISAAK RADKAY in Kansas City, Kansas at which time the subject RADKAY was incarcerated in the reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. He stated that he has never corresponded with subject and has heard nothing concerning him since this time. JOHN RADKAY also informed that he would be glad to cooperate in bringing about subject's apprehension.

The records of the Gary Police Department reflected that under date of July 27, 1942, a letter had been received from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department informing that WILLIAM ISAAK RADKAY was wanted by the Kansas City Police Department for a series of tavern robberies. This letter set out that information had been received that RADKAY, who was a structural steel

worker and who had operated a crane for a steel company in the Kansas City area, was supposed to have married recently and to have been living somewhere in north Gary, Indiana in a three room apartment.

He was said to be corresponding with his mother whom he addressed as MARIE VANCOS who resided in Kansas City, Kansas.

Officers HARMES and STINSON of the Gary Police Department were assigned to this case but advised that their investigation had failed to disclose his whereabouts in the Gary area.

#### AT EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

The writer interviewed JOE RADKAY who had moved from 520 Narva Place to 4862 Magoun Avenue, concerning his knowledge of subject RADKAY. JOE RADKAY was unable to furnish any other information than that furnished by CHARLES and JOHN RADKAY and stated that he had not seen subject in more than ten years. He could furnish no information of value.

JOE RADKAY remarked that he did not believe subject had been married in Gary, Indiana inasmuch as this fact would probably have been made known to him and JOHN and CHARLES RADKAY.

#### AT CROWN POINT, INDIANA

The writer contacted WALTER MYBECK, Clerk of Lake County, Indiana, who searched his marriage records from the year 1928 to date under subject RADKAY'S name and aliases with negative results.

Photographs of the five subjects as published on the wanted flier were exhibited to CHARLES, JOHN and JOE RADKAY and the first two positively identified subject RADKAY as being their distant cousin while JOE RADKAY was unable to identify him positively.

None of the RADKAYS recognized photographs of the other subjects and all stated that they had no knowledge concerning any of them.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Scottsburg, Indiana

Will conduct investigation as per Cincinnati teletype dated February 21, 1945, in effect that BEN SIMON and BILLY SIMON may have knowledge or connection with subject HEVER.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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FILE NO.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>           | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-25-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-13-17-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWARD M. WESTON bja</b>                                |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE ET AL</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Appropriate and complete coverage on above Subject's made with the St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, and Missouri State Highway Patrol. Said law enforcement agencies advised of facts of Subject's escape along with pertinent information and descriptions. Criminal informants in this field division contacted with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Cincinnati, Ohio, Field Division dated February 13, 1943. Teletype from Cincinnati Field Division dated February 17, 1943. Bureau file #76-964.

**DETAILS:**

Under date of February 13, 1943, Chief of Detectives **FRED ECKENRITHER**, St. Louis Police Department, was contacted as to the information contained in referenced teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division dated February 13, 1943, and he advised the reporting Agent that all precincts within the St. Louis area would be notified by teletype and that each Captain of the precinct would, upon roll call, notify each individual patrol man as to the exact name and aliases along with complete descriptions of these fugitives that escaped from the Hamilton County jail in Cincinnati on February 12, 1943.

Under date of February 13, 1943, Agent contacted Sheriff **ARNOLD WILLMAN**, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Clayton, Missouri, who was also advised of the facts in referenced teletype of February 13, 1943. Sheriff **WILLMAN** advised that he would receive the same information through the St.

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Police Department teletype and would notify his men personally that these men were dangerous and that extreme care should be used if apprehended.

Agent also contacted Sergeant H. BOSCH, Missouri State Highway Patrol, St. Louis, County, Missouri, who advised that descriptive leads on the escaped fugitives would be forwarded to all troop stations in order that they would be prepared for any exigencies that might arise in connection with the apprehension of the escaped prisoners.

Agent attempted to contact Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, but learned that this man had left town and had left no forwarding address. Agent also contacted Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, who advised that he had read of the fugitives escape in the newspaper, but had not heard of their being in St. Louis at the present time. [ ] advised that he did not know the Subjects but that if he came across any information as to their present whereabouts he would immediately notify this office.

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Agent also contacted Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, who advised that he is not acquainted with the Subjects of this case, but that if he heard of their whereabouts in the St. Louis area, he would immediately notify this office.

Under date of February 17, 1943, this office was in receipt of referenced teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division advising this office to complete coverage and appropriate contacts for the automobile and gasoline ration books which were taken from one Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. Additional information contained in referenced teletype of February 17, 1943 was accordingly forwarded to the St. Louis Police Department through Detective OLIVER WAHL, Central District. Detective WAHL advised that as Captain of the precinct within the St. Louis area, he would accordingly notify all patrolmen on their beats, who in turn will contact each individual filling station attendant in their respective beats to be on the look out for the stolen automobile and the A and B ration books issued to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, along with the description of Subjects as mentioned in referenced teletype of February 17, 1943. Detective WAHL further advised that the patrolmen would, at the approaches of the bridges from East St. Louis, Illinois, and Alton, Illinois, be on the alert for the Stolen automobile and these ration books in order to obtain gas. Detective WAHL also stated that the vice and morality squads would also be on the look out at individual hotels and taverns throughout the St. Louis area, and if anyone resembling the Subject description were noted, this office would be contacted. Detective WAHL said that this information would also be sent to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office by their teletype system. Agent also con-

tacted Sergeant BOCH, Missouri State Highway Patrol, who advised that State Patrolmen would be appropriately notified as to the facts concerning the ration books and the description of the stolen automobile of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON. Reporting Agent again advised all these law enforcement agencies that these men were considered dangerous and that extreme care should be used in their apprehension.

There is no telephone exchange in the city of St. Louis area under the name of Avon. There is such an exchange in the Cincinnati area, therefore the telephone numbers Avon 9447 and Avon 9333 are probably in Cincinnati.

In view of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted and the wanted notices will be left with the appropriate law enforcement agencies in the St. Louis area, unless additional information is received in this office concerning the Subjects or in the event these men are apprehended in some other field division, then these law enforcement agencies will be accordingly notified to remove their stop notices on the Subjects.

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THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will check the subscribers to the telephone numbers Avon 9447 and Avon 9333 for any information they may have concerning the Subject in instant case. These numbers were on the back of the bill from the Mayfair Hotel in the stolen automobile at the time they were arrested at Minneapolis.



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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, ETAL, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ETAL, EFP, FEA. BIRTH RECORDS KANSAS CITY, KANSAS REFLECT WILLIAM RATKAY BORN THERE SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR NINETEEN ELEVEN. PD RECORDS KC KS REFLECT WILLIAM RATKAY ARRESTED NOVEMBER THREE NINETEEN THIRTY, NO NUMBER, CHARGE - DISTURBING THE PEACE, DISPOSITION NOVEMBER FOUR NINETEEN THIRTY, FINED FIVE DOLLARS. AS ~~WILLIAM~~ WILLIAM RATKAY ARRESTED JUNE EIGHT NINETEEN THIRTYONE CHARGE VAGRANCY AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. JULY TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION. AS WILLIAM RATKAY NUMBER FOUR SEVEN EIGHT ONE, ARRESTED NOVEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, CHARGE, HIGHWAY ROBBERY. IDENTIFICATION OFFICER KANSAS CITY, KS PD ADVISES DISPOSITION, TURNED OVER TO STATE, WHICH EXPLAINS ARREST BY SHERIFF NOVEMBER TEN, NINETEEN THIRTYONE. DISPOSITION ARREST SHERIFF, KC MO DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYONE, AS NUMBER TWO SEVEN ONE EIGHT, RELEASED ON TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND MARCH NINETEEN FORTYTWO - JUMPED SAME. NEAR RELATIVES, FATHER DECEASED. MOTHER, VERA RADKAY TOMASEGOVICH, FIVE ONE NAUGHT SPLITLOG, SISTER, MRS. AGNES UZIEL, SEVEN TWO NINE ORVILLE, BROTHER JOSEPH ~~THE~~ RATKAY, LIVING WITH MOTHER. STEP-SISTER, ELIZABETH THOMAS, LIVING WITH MOTHER. STEP-BROTHER, FRANK THOMAS, US ARMY. FOSTER PARENTS, ISAAC AND MARY RADKAY, TWO FIVE NAUGHT NORTH FIFTH, ALL RELATIVES, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. SAMUEL RICKETTS BORN IN ATCHISON COUNTY, KANSAS DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN FOURTEEN. NEAR RELATIVES, MOTHER, MRS. JULIA RICKETTS, THREE NAUGHT TWO THREE MONTGALL, FATHER, THOMAS RICKETTS, DISAPPEARED IN NINETEEN TWENTYSIX, BELIEVED DEAD. BROTHER, HENRY AARON, LIVES WITH MOTHER. SISTERS DOROTHY ROSE GOULDING, THREE NAUGHT ONE ONE PROSPECT, AND MRS. STELLA DAME. ONE THREE TWO FOUR PROSPECT, ALL KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. MRS. VELCEY WILLIAMS, TWO FOUR ONE NINE SOUTH MILL, ROSEDALE, KANSAS. MRS. RUTH ~~HOLLOWAY~~ HOLLOWAY, RURAL ROUTE NUMBER TEN, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. WIFE, MRS NEOLA RICKETTS, ALSO KNOWN AS KAY CARROLL AND KAY RICKETTS, THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE CENTRAL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HARRY RALPH BEVER, BORN MILL GROVE, MISSOURI, SEPT. THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTEEN. MOTHER, MRS BLANCHE ~~BEVER~~ BEVER, FATHER OSWA BEVER, BOTH RESIDING ONE ONE FIVE EAST THIRTYTHIRD KC MO. THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, THREE FOUR TWO FOUR HARRISON, KC. MO. BROTHER ROBERT BEVER, US ARMY.

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WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS ETAL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EKP. THREE MEN PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RATKAY AND BEVER, NINE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, KIDNAPED ONE DOCTOR CLOYCE WILSON, AT THE BETHESDA HOSPITAL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, TOOK HIM TO AN ABANDONED HOUSE SIX TWO EIGHT CROWN STREET, WHERE HE WAS BOUND WITH ELECTRIC WIRE ON BOTH HANDS AND FEET. FROM HIM WAS TAKEN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT MODEL CHRYSLER SEDAN, COLOR BLUE, LICENSE OHIO TWO FOUR TWO AK, MOTOR NUMBER C EIGHTEEN DASH EIGHT NAUGHT NINE TWO, VALUED AT NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS, ALSO TOOK ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CURRENCY, ONE PHYSICIANS GRIP CONTAINING MEDICINE AND INSTRUMENTS, AND A AND B GASOLINE RATION BOOKS ISSUED TO DOCTOR CLOYCE WILSON, THREE FIVE FIVE THREE LARKSPUR AVE., CINCINNATI, OHIO. DESCRIPTION AS GIVEN BY DOCTOR WILSON AS NUMBER ONE, THIRTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. EIGH IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., DARK COAT WITH BRASS BUTTONS, WEARING CHAUFFEURS CAP. PARENTHESIS THESE MAY BE FIREMANS UNIFORM PARENTHESIS. NUMBER TWO, AGE FIFTY, FIVE FEET THREE IN., TWO HUNDRED LBS., LIGHT TAN SHORT COAT. NUMBER THREE THIRTY YEARS, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS., WEARING DARK CLOTHING AND CAP AND EAR MUFFS. ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTACTS FOR COMPLETE COVERAGE PERTAINING TO AUTOMOBILE AND GASOLINE RATIONING BOOKS, WHICH ARE ISSUED TO DR. WILSON.

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS ETAL, FUGITIVES EFP, FEA. SUBJECTS ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS AND CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS APPREHENDED WITHOUT VIOLENCE BY CINCINNATI POLICE AT SEVEN TEN PM FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AT VACANT HOUSE AT ONE NAUGHT ONE BELMAR PLACE, CINCINNATI IN COMPANY OF DAWN EMMA MITCHELL, AGE FIFTEEN AND HER SISTER ELLA VIRGINIA MITCHELL AGE SEVENTEEN BOTH OF ADDYSTON, OHIO. APPREHENSION BASED ON TELEPHONIC REPORT FROM NEGRO WOMAN THAT TWO WHITE MEN WERE OCCUPYING VACANT HOUSE. SUBJECTS PARSONS RETURNED TO HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL WITH THE TWO GIRLS. DR. [REDACTED] CLOYCE WILSON POSITIVELY IDENTIFIES PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS RATKAY, RICKETTS, AND BEVER AS MEN WHO KIDNAPED HIM AND STOLE HIS AUTOMOBILE ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. MRS. CLOYCE WILSON RECEIVED AN A M D D LETTER TONIGHT POSTMARKED TWELVE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, ADVISING QUOTE DOCTOR IS IN A CORNER VACANT HOUSE ON WINSLOW AND CROWN STREET, TIED UP ON THE BASEMENT END QUOTE, AND BEARING DIAGRAM SHOWING LOCATION OF HOUSE WHERE DR. WILSON WAS LEFT TIED UP. UPON QUESTIONING BY SPECIAL AGENTS, DAWN AND ELLA MITCHELL ADVIE THE PARSONS BOYS TOLD THEM THAT THEY SPLIT AWAY FROM THE THREE OTHER SUBJECTS WHEN THE SECOND CAR WAS STOLEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE PRISON BREAK, BUT THAT RATKAY, RICKETTS AND BEVER PLANNED TO DRIVE TO KANSAS CITY OR OKLAHOMA CITY AND ROB A BANK, SECURING WEAPONS ENROUTE. LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS,

AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICES ADVISED AND REQUESTED TO INFORM ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO WATCH FOR ABOVE AUTOMOBILE AND TO USE RADIO BROADCASTS FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALL OFFIES ADVISED OF APPREHENSION OF CLARENCE AND ARTHUR PARSONS.

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RURAL ROUTE THIRTY ONE, BEDFORD, KENTUCKY, MOTHER MARY ZOGLIN.  
A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION MADE OF RADKAY BY DR. AUSTIN BLOCH AND MRS.  
FLORA MARSH, SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AND RECEPTIONIST, AT THE JEWISH  
HOSPITAL WHO CONVERSED WITH RADKAY. THE ADDRESS ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT FOUR  
[REDACTED] SOUTH FIRST, LOUISVILLE, KY., IS A ROOMING HOUSE WHICH IS  
BEING SURVEILLED BY THIS OFFICE. IN FRONT OF THIS ROOMING HOUSE  
IS PARKED A NINETEEN FORTYONE MAROON BUICK SEDAN BEARING INDIANA  
LICENSE NUMBER NINE NAUGHT SEVEN DASH TWO ONE NAUGHT. INDIANAPOLIS  
HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY PHONE TO CHECK THIS NUMBER AND TO ASCERTAIN  
THE OWNER AND WHETHER OR NOT CAR HAS BEEN REPORTED STOLEN. KANSAS CITY  
WILL CHECK LOCAL HOSPITALS IN AREA INASMUCH AS THE FRACTURED HEEL OF  
RADKAY IS A SERIOUS FRACTURE AND PROBABLY VERY PAINFUL. CLEVELAND,  
OHIO WILL CHECK THE ADDRESS AT FIVE SIX NAUGHT SEVEN DIBBLE STREET.

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NICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS ETAL, FUGITIVE EFP, FEA. USA CINCINNATI  
AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED THIS DATE AGAINST MIKE SCOTT, EVERETT  
MITCHELL, AND WIFE FLORENCE MITCHELL, ALL OF ADDYSTON, OHIO, FOR  
VIOLATION OF SECTION SEVEN FIFTY THREE I, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USCA.  
COMPLAINT FILED, WARRANT ISSUED, SUBJECTS APPREHENDED BY BUREAU  
AGENTS AND U S MARSHAL. ALL SUBJECTS IN SIGNED STATEMENTS ADMIT  
CONCEALING AND AIDING THE PARSONS BROTHERS. AT PRELIMINARY HEARING  
BEFORE U S COMMISSIONER J. PAUL GEOHEGAN, MITCHELLS ENTERED PLEA OF  
GUILTY. COMMISSIONER FAILED TO RECOGNIZE GUILTY PLEA AND ENTERED PLEA  
OF NOT GUILTY FOR MITCHELLS. BOND SET TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH,  
RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE. FINAL HEARING SET ELEVEN AM FEBRUARY  
TWENTY TWO, FORTY THREE. SCOTT TO BE ARRAIGNED TEN AM, FEBRUARY  
TWENTY, FORTY THREE.

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SHIRT. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, GEORGE WRIGHT, GEORGE THOMAS, GEORGE MASON, BOB ROBERTS, GEORGE ROBERTS, DOC RICKETTS, ROBERT WRIGHT, SHINGLE, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS, GEORGE BOWAN, BOB REESE, SAMUEL ISAAC REUBEN, SAMMY REUBEN, JAMES MURPHY, SAMUAL ISAAC RUEBIN, SAMUAL BOWAN, HARRY RALPH BEAVER, WAS HARRY RALPH BEVER, LARRY JAMES DUGAN, FRED MATTHEWS, L. J. DUGAN. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, CLARENCE WELLS, WOODROW HOLBROOK, FUGITIVE. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS, ARTHUR WELLS, ARCH, BILL, FUGITIVE. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. SUBJECTS BEVER, RADKAY, AND RICKETTS WERE CONFINED IN HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL IN CINCINNATI, PENDING GRAND JURY ACTION ON CHARGES OF BANK ROBBERY, NMVTA, NFA, SS. SUBJECTS CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS WERE CONFINED IN HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL PENDING APPEAL AFTER CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF SEVENTY FIVE YEARS EACH, FOR KIDNAPING. AT APPROXIMATELY SIX FIFTEEN PM, FEBRUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, ALL SUBJECTS ESCAPED FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL. SUBJECT BEVER DESCRIBED AGE TWENTY SIX, HEIGHT FIVE NINE, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE LBS., HAIR LIGHT RED AND WAVY, EYES DARK GREEN, COMPLEXION FAIR, BUILD STOCKY. ONE HALF IN. SCAR ON UPPER LIP RIGHT OF NOSE, ONE GOLD CROWN UPPER RIGHT TOOTHE, INTERMITTENTLY WEARS RIMLESS GLASSES AND HAS BUSHY RED EYEBROWS. SUBJECT RICKETTS DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY EIGHT, HEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR AND EYES, PALE COMPLEXION. VERY NERVOUS AND SMOKES CIGARETTES INCESSENTLY. SUBJECT RADKAY DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY ONE, HEIGHT FIVE FT. NINE IN., WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., BUILD SLENDER, DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, COMPLEXION MEDIUM, THREE QUARTER IN. DIAGONAL CUTSCAR CENTER OF FOREHEAD, ONE INCH CIRCULAR SCAR ON BACK OF LEFT HAND. BAD CUT SCAR ON LEFT PALM, BUCKSHOT IN BODY. THESE THREE SUBJECTS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN APPREHENDING. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY THREE, BORN JULY THREE,

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NINETEEN NINETEEN, FIVE FT. TEN IN. TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK HAIR, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, WHITE, AMERICAN. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS ~~FW~~ DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY FOUR, BORN MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, WHITE, AMERICAN, FIVE FT. NINE IN. TALL, ONE SIXTY EIGHT LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, SANDY HAIR, BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION. BOTH SEX CRAZY, AND MENTALLY DEFICIENT BUT DECLARED LEGALLY SANE. INVESTIGATION TODAY INDICATES THAT APPARENTLY PARSONS BROTHERS HAVE SEPARATED FROM OTHER SUBJECTS. AUTOMOBILES USED IN ESCAPE HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND THEREFORE PRESENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IF ANY UNKNOWN. ALL OFFICES WILL COVER IMMEDIATELY ALL RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES, AND CONTACTS OF SUBJECTS. INDIANAPOLIS WILL INTERVIEW PRIVATE LEKLIN KINNETT OF CO. C, SEVEN TWO NINE MILITARY POLICE, FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, ~~IND~~ INDIANA, WHO HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH CLARENCE PARSONS. KANSAS CITY WILL ESPECIALLY COVER N. RICKETT, THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE, CENTRAL AVENUE, OR STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND THELMA OR BILLY RESIDING AT TWO SEVEN ONE ONE PERRY OR PIERY STREET OR AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH RICKETTS. RICKETT RECENTLY RECEIVED A VALENTINE SIGNED QUOTE ROY AND JUANITA UNQUOTE, POSTMARKED AT KANSAS CITY. BUREAU AUTHORIZES POLICE RADIO SYSTEM BROADCASTS BY LOUISVILLE, ~~HUN~~ HUNTINGTON, INDIANAPOLIS, AND PITTSBURGH OFFICES. COMPLAINTS WILL BE FILED AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RADKAY AND BEVER TODAY UNDER THE FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE EXPEDITE, AND ALL OFFIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT CRIMINAL INFORMANTS, CIRCULARIZE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND CONTACT POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN THEIR TERRITORIES TO SECURE INFORMATION RE SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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February 13, 1943

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2/13/43

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD**

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with alias  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with alias  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases  
Escaped Federal Prisoners  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

SAC Belmont of Cincinnati telephoned the writer to give the latest developments in connection with the escape of the above-captioned individuals from the Hamilton County jail on February 12, and advised that at approximately 8:00 P.M., February 12, an automobile which had previously been stolen was found abandoned on Burton Avenue, Cincinnati, just off Reading Street. Between 8:00 and 8:15 P.M. a gray Chevrolet sedan bearing a current Ohio license plate 47-SH was stolen from Crescent Avenue just around the corner from the intersection of Crescent and Reading Streets. This is in the same vicinity of the city where the first car mentioned above was abandoned.

The second car was cited by the local Police Department which gave chase. It was pursued into Eden Park at a fast rate of speed where it crashed into the rear end of a greenhouse. The two occupants of the car immediately got out and fled. The local police fired a few shots at the fleeing persons but so far as is known they were not hit.

Immediately Eden Park was surrounded by the local police until approximately 9:00 P.M. and the two occupants of the car which had crashed into the greenhouse were not apprehended nor identified. Bureau Agents did not take part in the surrounding nor in the searching of Eden Park although they were available at the time the search was made. It is believed by both the Cincinnati Police and the Cincinnati Field Office that at least two of the subjects were in this car at the time of the crash.

SAC Belmont has requested Bureau permission so that the Cincinnati Office could contact the Louisville, Huntington, Indianapolis, and Pittsburg offices and request them to broadcast an alarm concerning the subjects via the police radio system. He also advised that a comprehensive teletype was being sent to all offices having any possible interest in this case and that a detail report concerning the developments was to be prepared today, February 13, and would be sent to all interested offices. He also stated that a broadcast had already been made by the local radio at Cincinnati relative to the escape of the subjects and that the subjects' pictures had been distributed to the newspapers. A new 76 case is being opened in connection with subjects' escape. Complaints are being filed this morning against Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever.

FOR DEFENSE



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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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ACTION TAKEN: Writer immediately contacted Mr. Rosen to secure Bureau authority to have the four above-mentioned field offices request that an alarm be broadcast for the subjects via the State Police radio systems. Mr. Rosen advised that this authorization should be given and that SAC Belmont should also request the interested offices to contact all informants for any information concerning subjects.

Mr. Rosen's advice was immediately telephoned to SAC Belmont.

Respectfully,

*R. G. Aulenbacher*  
R. G. Aulenbacher

# WANTED BY THE FBI

SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases: George Mason, Sam Rickett, Sam Ricketts, Bob Roberts, George Roberts, Thomas Roberts, "Doc" Ricketts, George Thomas, George Wright, Robert Wright, "Shingle;" age, 28 years, (born December 30, 1914, Atchison, Kansas); height, 5 feet 11 1/8 inches; weight, 135 pounds; eyes, dark brown; hair, black; complexion, sallow; build, slender; race, white; nationality, American; education, 8th grade; occupation, baker; peculiarities, prominent lower jaw, sunken eyes, formerly inmate of insane asylum; FBI Number 1486280; Fingerprint Classification, 16 O 29 W 000 24.  
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WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases: James Murphy, William Isaac Ratkay, Willie Ratke, Bob Reese, Sammy Reuben, Samuel Isaac Reuben, Samuel Isaac Rowan, George E. Rowan, Sam Rubin; age, 31 years (born September 24, 1911, Kansas City, Kansas); height, 5 feet, 9 3/4 inches; weight, 153 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown, wavy; build, slender; complexion, sallow; race, white; nationality, American; education, 9th grade; occupation, shoe repairman, lathe operator, carpenter, packing plant worker, steel worker; scars and marks, small scar back left hand, large scar left thumb and palm, small pit scar above right eyebrow, scar middle forehead, 2 small scars right cheek, scar upper lip, bullet scar upper left arm; peculiarities, frequents night clubs; FBI Number 911699.

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases: Ralph Bever, Harry Ralph Beaver, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry James Dugan, Fred Matthews; age, 26 years (born September 13, 1916, at Millgrove, Missouri); height, 5 feet 9 3/8 inches; weight, 175 pounds; eyes, gray-green, wears rimless glasses; hair, red, wavy; build, medium stocky; complexion, ruddy; race, white; nationality, American; education, 2 years high school; occupation, cook, laborer, bell hop, porter; scars and marks, tattoo, double heart, initials "RED" right arm, 4 small scars right wrist, vaccination left arm, small scar right upper lip, scar left side neck and left earlobe; peculiarities, bushy, red eyebrows, 1 gold crown tooth upper right; FBI Number 2413512.

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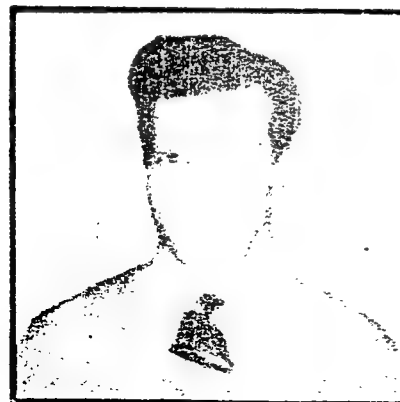


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CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases: Woodrow Holbrook, Clarence Wells; age, 23 years (born at Vanceburg, Kentucky, July 3, 1919); height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 150 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, brown; complexion, fair; build, medium; race, white; nationality, American; scars, scar on middle finger of left hand, moles on left and right side of face, vaccination scar on left arm; FBI Number 2135406; Fingerprint Classification, 27 L 25 W 100 16.  
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ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases: Arthur Wells, "Arch." "Bill;" age, 24 years (born at Ravenswood, West Virginia, May 11, 1918); height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 170 pounds; eyes, blue; hair, blond, wavy; complexion, ruddy; build, medium; race, white; nationality, American; occupation, cook; scars, 1/2 inch scar left thumb, 3 moles on face, mole on back of neck, vaccination scar on left arm; peculiarities, reported to be mentally deficient; FBI Number 1759011; Fingerprint Classification, 17 O 29 W MOO 14.  
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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, HARRY RALPH BEVER, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, are five of the most desperate and dangerous criminals at large today. RICKETTS, RADKAY, and BEVER were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, which occurred on October 31, 1942. CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS were sentenced on November 23, 1942, in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, to serve seventy-five years each for kidnaping. Federal complaints were filed against each of these five subjects on February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

If you are in possession of any information concerning the location of any of these subjects, please communicate by telephone or telegraph collect with the undersigned, or with the nearest Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local addresses and telephone numbers of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 7117

February 15, 1943

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 1, 1943

ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
- FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are photographs and one latent fingerprint taken for evidence from 1938 Green Pontiac Coupe, bearing Motor #8-93142, abandoned at Kansas City, Missouri on February 26, 1943.

It is requested that the photographs of these fingerprints and the latent fingerprint be compared with fingerprints of Subjects in this case to determine definitely if they were occupants of this car and a report submitted to the Kansas City Field Division and the Cincinnati Field Division as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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1 Photo # 11 - 30 seconds.

1 Photo # 12 - 1 min.

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March 9, 1943

AIR MAIL  
REGISTERED MAIL

76-9386-26

SAC, Kansas City

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with  
aliases, et al, FUGITIVES  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1943, transmitting two packs of exposed film and one lift of a latent impression developed on a 1938 green Pontiac Coupe, bearing motor #8-93142, for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #91-675.

You are advised that the specimens submitted were examined and one latent fingerprint, as well as one fragmentary latent palm print, was noted to be of value for comparison purposes. In accordance with your request, these were compared with the fingerprints and palm prints of Harry Ralph Bever, William Isaac Redkey and Samuel Ricketts, but no identification could be effected. The lift is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 35892

Date Recorded: 3-4-43 11:00 A. M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Number: 76-9296-25

Specimens:

One lifts of a latent impression.  
One pack of Kodak Super-XX Panchromatic film.  
One pack of Kodak Verichrome film.  
It is requested that the fingerprints of the named subjects  
HARRY RALPH BEVER be compared with the latents in connection  
with this case.

Examination requested by: Kansas City

Date received: 3-4-43 an

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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*compared with photo - 12 in f. Bureau, Building*  
*Results - no 3/5*  
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*Detected 3/8/43 [Signature]*

*Ans. 13*  
*3-9-43*  
*[Signature]*

ENCLOSURE

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76-9296-25

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 1, 1943

ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
- FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are photographs and one latent fingerprint taken for evidence from 1938 Green Pontiac Coupe, bearing Motor #8-93142, abandoned at Kansas City, Missouri on February 26, 1943.

It is requested that the photographs of these fingerprints and the latent fingerprint be compared with fingerprints of Subjects in this case to determine definitely if they were occupants of this car and a report submitted to the Kansas City Field Division and the Cincinnati Field Division as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case Originated at **CINCINNATI, OHIO** File No. **76-964**  
 Report Made At : Date When Made : Period for Which : Report Made By  
**CINCINNATI, OHIO** : **2-22-43** : **2/13 - 20/43** : **JOHN A. REITER** **MR.**  
 Title : Character of Case  
**HARRY RALPH LEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE** :  
**WILLIE ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases - FUGITIVE** : **ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS**  
**SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases - FUGITIVE** : **FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**  
**CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE** :  
**ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE** :

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PARSONS brothers apprehended Delhi, Ohio, by Cincinnati Police 2-17-43 in company of two minor girls, DANA BARR and VIRGINIA MITCHELL of Addyston, Ohio. PARSONS returned to Hamilton County Jail same date by U. S. Marshal. Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner, plea of not guilty entered, examination waived, bond set at \$25,000. each. PARSONS moved from Hamilton County Jail to Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan, by U. S. Marshal on February 18, 1943. At 9:30 P.M., 2-16-43, Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, kidnapped in rear of Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and taken to vacant house, 623 Crown Street, where he was bound with wire and robbed of \$100. in U. S. currency, and medicine kit containing instruments and medicine, together with a 1938 Chrysler Sedan, color blue, license Ohio 242 AH Motor C 13-6092, value \$700. Dr. WILSON positively identified subjects RICKETTS, LEVER and RADKAY as the three men committing this offense. Also taken from Dr. WILSON were gas rationing book A 562279 AH, and two C gas rationing books #F 659041 H2, and F 659032 H2. Two letters both postmarked at Louisville, Ky., 12:30 P.M., 2-17-43 addressed to Chief of Police, Station X and to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, wife of Dr. WILSON received and set out in details. Information concerning the kidnapping

Approved and Forwarded

*John A. Reiter*

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of DR. WILSON and his automobile given National publicity. Three persons arrested Addyston, Ohio, upon authority United States Attorney for concealing PARSONS brothers. Interview with girls in company of PARSONS when arrested reflects that subjects R. DRAKE, RICKETTS and BEVER planned to drive to Kansas City or Oklahoma City, to rob a bank and would secure weapons enroute. No weapons were produced in kidnaping of Dr. WILSON. Numerous logical leads have been investigated with negative results as to location of the other three subjects. Signed statements obtained from PARSONS set out. Investigation being vigorously continued.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, 2-13-43, 2-13-43.

copies of this report, Cincinnati, 2-13-43, for their escape concerns only the Bureau and the Cincinnati Office, a separate case is being opened carrying these three persons as subjects, with the Character "Harboring; Escaped Federal Prisoners."

On February 13, 1943, the Indianapolis Office advised by teletype that LESLIE EMMETT KINNETT, Company C 729 Military Police Company, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, had advised that office that subject CLARENCE PARSONS wrote a letter to him approximately two months ago, asking for a \$2.00 loan, which letter was never answered, nor the loan sent. He further advised that his brother, CLIFFORD KINNETT of North Bend, Ohio, is married to PARSONS' sister, COLLEEN, also his brother, JAMES KINNETT of Addyston, Ohio, is married to PARSONS' sister, RUTH. Further that both PARSONS are friendly with the above sisters and may try to contact them; further that VIRGINIA PARSONS, a sister, also resides with JAMES KINNETT; further that PARSONS mother and two sisters live at Parkersburg, W. Va., and his father is believed to live near Aurora, Indiana; further that a sister, FRANCES, presently married, name unknown, is residing in New York City, and the informant believed that subjects might try to contact their mother, or the sister in New York.

Teletype dated at St. Paul 2-13-43, advised that Mrs. ANNE BELLER, Detroit, is the girl friend of subject BEVER and was with him when taken into custody; further that she has cooperated with the Bureau at St. Paul

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and that the Detroit Office had contacted her and were assured full cooperation in the event subjects attempted to contact her. Further, that she claimed she had no knowledge of the break and stated that her address in Detroit was not known to the Fugitives but might be obtained from BEVER's mother with whom she has corresponded. Mrs. KELLER was unable to suggest any possible contacts except BEVER's mother, whom he expressly desired to see prior to his arrest. No surveillance of Mrs. KELLER was maintained.

On February 13, 1943, Mr. RUSSELL McCOLLUM, residing at the Fort Washington Hotel, Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised this office that one CHARLES SPENCE, residing at 942 Morris Street, Cincinnati, had called him to one side on the morning of February 13, 1943, and stated that on the night of February 12, 1943, a young man appeared at his home and asked him if he could stay with him for two or three days. McCOLLUM stated that this man told SPENCE he had just escaped from the County Jail and that he was trying to get away from the police. SPENCE further advised McCOLLUM that he did not let the man stay at his home, but that he gave him some clothing and that the man remarked he would like to get to the Y.M.C.A. in order to contact a woman there. SPENCE also told McCOLLUM that he thought this man meant the Y.W.C.A. inasmuch as he mentioned that it was a hotel for women. According to McCOLLUM this man who visited SPENCE, gave his name as PARSONS.

Mr. CHARLES SPENCE, 942 Morris Street, an employee of the Baldwin Piano Company, when interviewed by Special Agents ARTHUR HULL and FRANCIS L. KUTTHYS, advised that between 9:15 and 9:30 on the night of 2-12-43 a man came to his home at 942 Morris Street and asked to see the landlord or landlady there. SPENCE said that he advised the man that the landlady was upstairs and that he would call her, but that at that time this person requested that he wait and talk to him privately. The individual then asked SPENCE if he had some place where he would talk, other than in the hall of the home at 942 Morris Street. SPENCE stated that he went into the kitchen of his home and took the person with him. This individual then advised SPENCE that his name was PARSONS and made the following remarks:

"I'm hot. The cops are after us. We've just escaped from the County Jail. Five of us got out but we got separated. My brother and I have seventy-five years ahead of us if we are caught."

According to SPENCE, PARSONS then requested that he hide him in his home for a period of two or three days and offered to pay him \$30.00 if he would keep him. SPENCE said that PARSONS thought awhile and then offered to give him \$50.00, stating that he had no money at the time but he knew where he could get some. PARSONS was described by SPENCE as being about 5'9" tall, weighing 168#, having blue eyes, sandy hair, ruddy complexion. He stated further that he noticed PARSONS had a heavy cold and coughed quite a lot while he was

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at his home.

SPENCE further advised that at the time subject PARSONS called at his home he was wearing a pair of white summer pants with a pin stripe, a pair of brown sport shoes and a shirt having a greenish tint in it. Further, that subject PARSONS had no coat or hat and was obviously suffering from exposure to cold. SPENCE stated he did not know at this time that PARSONS was an Escaped Federal Prisoner and that he had not heard anything about the jail break. He also stated he did not know of the PARSONS previous trial and conviction in the Federal Court at Cincinnati. SPENCE said he hated to see a man turned out in the cold without any clothing and that he, therefore, gave him a pair of tan colored pants that had a 1" tear in them on the left hip, just below the pocket. He said that the tan trousers had an indelible stamp bearing the words, "Inspected" just below the tear on the left hip of the trousers. In addition he gave PARSONS a dark maroon colored heavy sweater, with a crew neck, described by SPENCE as being similar to that on a sweat shirt. He said he then permitted subject to wash his face and hands, comb his hair and after that he left his home. SPENCE further stated that he noticed that when PARSONS talked he closed his eyes and seemed to be uncertain in his conversation, but that he noticed no other peculiarities about him.

He advised that upon reading of the description of PARSONS and the incidents occurring on the evening of February 12, 1943, he was positive that the man who called at his home was one of the PARSONS brothers. A photograph appearing in a Cincinnati paper was then exhibited to SPENCE and he immediately identified ARTHUR PARSONS as the person who had been at his home the evening before. SPENCE said that PARSONS asked him where the street car went from the corner of Morris Street and he told him he thought it stopped at 5th and Vine Streets downtown. To this the subject remarked, "That's where I want to go. I've got a girl at the I.N.C... and I believe she'll help me."

SPENCE also pointed out that PARSONS asked him several times if he could direct him to the river from his home at 942 Morris Street. According to SPENCE subject left his home at either twenty minutes before 10:00 or twenty minutes after 10:00, but recalled that it was about five minutes after President ROOSEVELT had finished his speech on the evening of 2-12-43. He stated subject put the trousers and the sweater on over the clothes he was wearing and he did not observe in which direction he went after he left his home.

SPENCE also advised that a Mr. HINN, who also lives in adjoining rooms, came into the SPENCE kitchen to tell him that the President was talking and at that time PARSONS jumped behind the kitchen door. SPENCE explained that he did not have a radio in his own home and he had no way of knowing that there had actually been a jail break. He said that the story which PARSONS told him was the truth.



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SPENCE added that he noticed one other thing with regard to subject PARSONS, namely that he had a noticeable blue scar running from the corner of his right eye, across his temple, a distance of approximately 3". He stated that this was not a fresh cut but it appeared as a healed scar.

A review of the file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge, L. A. OBENSHAW reflected that CLARENCE PARSONS was formerly associated with a girl named NOLA who resided at 326 E. 4th Street. Accompanied by Special Agent ARTHUR MILL, the writer contacted Mrs. CORA B. CALDWELL at 326 E. 4th Street to determine whether or not there was a girl named NOLA residing at that address. Mrs. CALDWELL stated that NOLA SHANKS formerly resided at 326 E. 4th Street but that she moved two or three months ago to 530 E. 4th Street and left a telephone number, Main 6852 at that time.

Mrs. G. BLACKSHAW was contacted by the same Agents at 530 E. 4th Street and advised that a girl named NOLA lived at that address until about three weeks ago, at which time she moved to an apartment in Oakley and that she presently shared the apartment with a MARTHA TRENT. Mrs. BLACKSHAW stated there had been no calls at this address for NOLA SHANKS to her knowledge, on the evening of February 12, 1943. She also advised that while NOLA was at the apartment house she became an undesirable tenant and was requested to leave. She added that NOLA and MARTHA TRENT became very friendly with a rather elderly man by the name of MACMILLAN, who presently resides at the Phelps Apartments on East 4th Street. Mrs. BLACKSHAW stated that on the evening of February 12, 1943, MARTHA TRENT, associate of NOLA SHANKS, visited a FRANCES LITLEN at 530 E. 4th Street but she was unable to advise further of the associations or movements of the two girls during that evening. She stated that the LITLEN girl seemed to be a very nice person and was quite different from either NOLA SHANKS or MARTHA TRENT.

In view of the information which had been furnished by SPENCE to the effect that PARSONS was looking for a girl at the Y.M.C.A., all logical addresses, such as the Catholic Woman's Home, East 4th Street and the Y.W.C.A. on East 9th Street, were contacted as to any registry of NOLA SHANKS, with negative results, however, it was ascertained from further interview with Mrs. BLACKSHAW that NOLA SHANKS was presently in a hospital somewhere in Oakley and had been there for approximately three weeks.

As to the statement made by SPENCE that a Mr. HAHN had also seen the PARSONS boy, Mr. W. A. HAHN, who is a roomer at 942 Morris Ave., was interviewed by the writer and Deputy Sheriff "BOOTS" ANDERSON of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, at which time Mr. HAHN identified the photograph of subject ARTHUR PARSONS and corroborated the statements made by SPENCE. Mr. HAHN stated that while he was disgusted with the manner in which the visit by PARSONS was handled by Mr. SPENCE, he was certain that SPENCE had no way of hearing of the jail break in that SPENCE visited his room during the time President ROOSEVELT spoke. Mr. HAHN stated further that to the best of his knowledge the SPENCE

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family does not receive any evening papers through which he might have gained knowledge of the escape.

On February 13, 1943, Special Agents CHARLES REAVES and FREDERICK AYER interviewed Misses ELEANORE and BETTY CORBETT at the Buckingham Apartments in Adyston, Ohio, in that the file reflected that these girls had testified as character witnesses for the PARSONS brothers at the original trial. The CORBETT sisters, upon being advised of the sentence connected with harboring any escaped subject, advised the Agents that they would gladly cooperate in furnishing any information which would assist in locating the subjects. Arrangements were made with Mr. ELMER THOMAS, Janitor of the Building, to notify this office if any information came to the attention of the CORBETT sisters.

Mr. FRED RICHARDSON, Chief of Police, Adyston, Ohio, was contacted by these Agents and arrangements were made through him by which Miss MARY EVELYN MILLWON, amice to the Chief, who resided directly over the apartment occupied by RUTH KENNEDY and her sister, VIRGINIA, would furnish to this office immediately any information pertaining to the subjects which could be obtained through this source.

Mrs. RUTH KENNEDY and her sister, VIRGINIA, were contacted by the Agents, at which time they advised that they would not cooperate in any manner and after being advised of the fact that they would be prosecuted for harboring in the event they assisted their brothers in any way, they both stated that they were not afraid of a Penitentiary term and would help their brothers in every manner possible and would, in fact, pay ~~them~~ their last dollar if it were required of them.

Agents also interviewed Miss VELMA DANTON, a former girl friend of CLARENCE PARSONS, who presently resides one block from the home of RUTH KENNEDY at which time Miss DANTON advised that any information coming to her attention would be furnished to this office immediately.

From these interviews Agents REAVES and AYER found no evidence that the PARSONS brothers had been in Adyston, Ohio, since their escape.

At NORTH BADE, OHIO, Agents REAVES and AYER interviewed Mrs. GOLDS KENNEDY, sister of the PARSONS brothers, at which time she gave the impression that she would help the boys if they showed up at her home. The Agents found a possibility, however, that one of the smaller children of GOLDS KENNEDY would possibly turn the boys in, should they appear at their home.

Mr. CLAUDE POWERS, who resides next door to GOLDS KENNEDY and who had previously turned the PARSONS boys in to the Sheriff, advised the Agents that he would keep an eye on the home of the KENNEDYS and report any

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suspicious actions coming to his attention.

Through these interviews the Agents found no evidence that the PARSONS boys had been in North Bend, Ohio, since their jail break.

Because of information obtained through a confidential source by Mr. JOHN DAVIS, Detective, Cincinnati Police Department to the effect that a Miss EUNICE JAGLAN, who roomed with a RUTH DRAEDLIE at the Waldorf Apartments, 3640 Reading Road, had returned to Kansas City, Kansas, plus the fact that both girls had moved from this address on the date of the jail break, and because there had been seen to enter the apartment of RUTH DRAEDLIE at the new address of 1305 Laidlow Ave., a surveillance was placed on that address from the home of PAUL R. McCARTY, Local Air Raid Warden, 1308 Laidlow Ave., by Special Agents L. L. LADD and J. MOSEY WILLIAMS, from February 14th through February 16th inclusive. The Agents observed no particular activity except the entrance of an unidentified man at a late hour during this period.

Upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge a raid was conducted by Special Agents ALLEN, LADD, GREEN, ALLIEN and Detective JOHN DAVIS of the Cincinnati Police Department, at which time no unauthorized persons were discovered in this apartment and no indication was found that any such persons had been there.

Mrs. LOUISE TALLMAN and Miss RUTH DRAEDLIE were interviewed by Special Agent FREDERICK ALLEN, at which time they advised they had no knowledge of the escaped bank robbers and gave satisfactory explanations of all their activities. Neither woman had ever seen the man, whom photographs were exhibited to them, however, Mrs. TALLMAN stated she believed she had seen a man who closely resembled subject BEVER somewhere, but could not recall when.

On February 14, 1943, Mr. CARL RADLEY, Manager of the Dot Cab Company, 11th and Central, Newport, Kentucky, advised Special Agent WILLIAM BAIRD of the Louisville Office that a woman had come into his office at 6:00 A.M., that morning requesting a cab to Covington, Kentucky, and stated that she had left the Surf Club, Newport, Kentucky, but was someone had told her that two of the men who had escaped from the Hamilton County Jail were at the Surf Club at that time and since she was afraid of any trouble that might occur she had left there in a hurry.

Upon interview of Mr. RADLEY by Special Agent BAIRD and the writer, Mr. RADLEY advised that at the time this woman came into his office he was extremely busy and that before he was able to make any arrangements to establish the woman's identity she had taken a cab to Covington, Kentucky. He described this woman as being tall and slender between 25 and 30 years old. A check of the trip sheets of the Dot Cab Company, made by Special Agent BAIRD

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and the writer disclosed that the Cab Company during the evening of 2-13-43 had made approximately 200 trips to Newport and Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio. In view of the fact that Mr. RABLEY stated that the woman had requested a cab about 6:00 A.M., all trips made between 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. were checked by the Agents and no definite information could be obtained.

In view of the non-specific information obtained through this source, the lead has thus far not been followed.

On February 13, 1943, the writer contacted Sheriff C. TAYLOR HILLMAN at the Hamilton County Jail, at which time the Sheriff furnished the writer with a letter addressed to William Ratkay, Hamilton County Jail, postmarked Kansas City, Kansas, 2-12-43. The letter is set out, as follows:

"Dear Son:

"Received your letter, want to answer right away.  
Pop and I go to hospital twice a week. Don't know  
whether or not we will get our job back.

" You wrote to me about Aunt Kate and your uncle.  
Aren't you tired of them yet. We are tired of them  
and we don't know what to do. I feel so sorry for  
poor Leone. She is one that needs a lot of help.  
I feel sorry for the Suttie family also - they are  
in trouble.

(Signed) "Answer soon."

Return address - 250 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

The above information was furnished to the Kansas City  
Field Division by teletype on February 15, 1943.

The Sheriff also furnished a letter which was addressed to  
subject ~~Stanley~~ F. PARSONS, postmarked North Bend, Ohio, 2-13-43, signed JEFF  
KRAMER, North Bend, Ohio. The body of the letter was noted by the writer but  
contained no pertinent information.

On February 13, 1943, an examination made by Special Agent  
CARL LEICHA and J. ROBERT WILLIAMS as to possible latent prints on the two stolen  
cars, allegedly stolen by the escapees, namely a Chevrolet Sedan 1941 model  
Motor No. 955,997, Ohio license 47 SH and 1935 model gray Ford Sedan, Motor  
No. 714,124 Ohio license 740 F. resulted in eight latent prints which were  
lifted and photographed by the Agents and which have been forwarded to the  
Technical Laboratory.

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On February 15, 1943, the Kansas City Office advised by teletype to the effect that the Kansas City Police Department had advised that subject RADKAY was supposed to have been married at Gary, Indiana, date, name of woman, and details not known. Further, that he had the following cousins, who are reported to be law-abiding and who might be able to give information concerning the reported marriage.

CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland Street, Gary, Ind.  
JOHN RADKAY, 4545 Mass. Street, Gary, Ind.  
JOE RADKAY, 5024 Marva Place, East Chicago, Ind.

On February 15, 1943, United States Marshal DUFFU, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that Miss CLEM, Vernon Major Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, had called his office and advised that on Saturday morning, February 13, 1943, while having breakfast at about 11:30 o'clock at the Calico Cat on Reading Road, near Oak Street, she noticed a man come in who had reddish-brown hair and with sort of a square face. She stated further another man came in wearing a black and white checked coat which was much too tight for him. In greeting the first man the second stated in effect, "Are you still here? I thought you would be gone by now."

She described this man as having dark hair and that he wore a ring on his little finger but did not notice on which hand. She stated further that this man placed a long distance telephone call to Cleveland, Ohio, from the eating place. She stated this occurred before she had seen the papers and upon returning to the hotel and noting the photographs she identified the first man as subject RADKAY and the second as subject RICKETTS.

Miss JUDY HOLLER, waitress on duty at the Calico Cat, during the period mentioned by Miss CLEM, was interviewed by the writer and upon viewing the photographs of subjects RICKETTS, RADKAY and BEVER, partially identified subject RICKETTS as being in the Calico Cat and as the person making the call to Cleveland, Ohio.

Through a highly confidential source it was determined that from WOLBERT 9323 issued to the Calico Cat Restaurant on Reading Road, two calls had been made to Cleveland, Ohio, on that date, the first being at 11:11 A.M., to Cleveland 3131 issued to Radio Service Station, 2nd and Jackson Sts., Cleveland, Ohio, and the second at 11:13 A.M., to Cleveland 3127, issued to F. J. LUGEL, AFD #2 Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. GEORGE MOON, Chief of Police, Cleveland, Ohio, when contacted by Special Agent FREDERICK AYER and the writer advised that the owner of Radio Service Station was GEORGE W. McMULLEN and that Mr. McMULLEN was a member of the Auxiliary Police Force of Cleveland, Ohio, and that any information

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desired would be treated strictly confidential by Mr. McMULLEN. Chief MOON then called Mr. McMULLEN to his home where Mr. McMULLEN was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent MEYER at which time he advised that he had in his employ an attendant by the name of EDWARD BEIHLE, who was on duty during the time of these telephone calls in question. Mr. McMULLEN was unable to furnish any information as to who might have received this phone call at his station, however, he stated that many unknown persons receive calls at his station without his knowledge and in fact made long distance calls from his station for which, in many instances, he did not even get a chance to collect.

After some deliberation he advised that EDWARD BEIHLE was not on duty that morning in that he had injured himself the previous day when a considerable portion of fluid from brakes had injured his eyes and that BEIHLE was home on Doctor's orders during this period. He advised that due to the absence of BEIHLE he had employed ROBERT CROUGER, who had been on duty during this time and suggested that an interview might bring results as to who might have received the phone calls.

ROBERT CROUGER was also brought to the home of Chief MOON where he advised that BEIHLE had received a call some time Saturday morning from some man, long distance, but he did not know the origin. Mrs. GEORGE MOON then advised that she had been a telephone operator in Loveland, Ohio, for 19 years previous to her marriage to the Chief of Police and that the BEIHLE family, parents of EDWARD BEIHLE, resided directly opposite the F. J. LAUGEL family, R.F.D. #2, Loveland, Ohio.

Upon receipt of this information EDWARD BEIHLE, attendant at the McMULLEN service station, was also interviewed at Chief MOON's home and advised that he had received no phone calls whatsoever while home upon the Doctor's orders. Several discrepancies were noted, however, in that first he stated no one had called him and then he admitted that there was a phone call from his girl friend who lives in Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Accompanied by Chief MOON the writer interviewed Mrs. F. J. LAUGEL, R.F.D. #2 Loveland, Ohio, at which time Mrs. LAUGEL advised that a call had been received by the BEIHLE family from a male person but she was unable to give the origin of the call. She stated she had known the BEIHLE family considerable period of time and she believed that their reputation was beyond question as to their association with anyone of questionable character.

Upon interview of BEIHLE's parents by Special Agent MEYER and the writer, it was learned that their son-in-law, DON VARNER, 220 E. 71st Street, Garthage, Ohio, employed at Sohio Service Station, Benson and Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, had called them sometime Saturday morning to advise them that his wife, who is the daughter of the BEIHLES had given birth to a baby boy. They further advised that VARNER had first attempted to contact his

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brother-in-law, EDWARD BEIHLE at Red's Service Station at Loveland and the call was then transferred to the LAUGEL phone and Mrs. LAUGEL had called Mrs. BEIHLE to the phone, corroborating the statement made by EDWARD BEIHLE that he had received no calls from any male person during that Saturday morning.

A photograph was exhibited to the writer by the BEIHLE family of their son-in-law, DON WALKER and it was noted that he bore a close resemblance to that of subject RICHETTS. No further investigation was conducted.

At 11:15 P.M., February 16, 1943, Captain GEORGE T. FEARCY, 7th District, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, advised the Cincinnati Office that Dr. CLOYDE WILSON of 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, while getting into his car in a parking lot at the rear of Bethesda Hospital, had been kidnapped and taken to a vacant house at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was bound and robbed of \$100.00 in currency, his medicine kit and his automobile. Captain FEARCY further advised that Dr. WILSON had managed to free his arms from the wire with which they had been bound and had, through the aid of a piece of wood, hobbled his way across the street to where contact was made with police by neighbors. Captain FEARCY advised that he had personally conducted an investigation and had assisted in extricating the Doctor from the numerous lengths of wire which had been placed around his ankles, legs and body.

Captain FEARCY further advised that the vacant home was owned by Mrs. FLOA WILSON, who presently resides at the Alms Hotel and that the home had been entered by breaking the glass in the rear door entering into the kitchen. Captain FEARCY stated that the entire vacant house while filled with numerous articles packed in boxes from the basement to the third floor, gave the appearance of having been ransacked and looked as if someone had lived there for at least three days.

Accompanied by Special Agent FRED AYER and Captain FEARCY the writer conducted a thorough search of the house in question, at which time it was noted that in the kitchen on the floor were mattresses, bed blankets and also a cot, indicating that someone had used the kitchen in which to sleep. The second floor and the attic were noted to be filled with numerous articles and packages and the dresser drawers were found open and ransacked.

A search of the basement disclosed numerous bed blankets and empty cans of fruit and vegetables, which it was noted had been stored in cabinets in the basement. Captain FEARCY advised at this time that the blankets, according to Dr. WILSON, had been brought to the basement, by the three men who had abducted and robbed him, for the Doctor's convenience and assurance that he should not suffer from exposure. Captain FEARCY also advised that the brother of Mrs. WILSON, a former Captain of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Fire Department, was murdered about three years ago in Indiana, by cutting off his



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head and placing it in a cement block. Captain PELACY stated that Mrs. MILLER had, at that time, carried considerable life insurance on her brother and had also furnished the money with which to hire counsel for the man who was finally convicted and sentenced to the electric chair for the murder of her own brother.

He added, that while Mrs. MILLER acted as though she did not have all her faculties, he did not believe she was responsible or had any connection with the harboring of anyone in her vacant house.

On February 17, 1943, Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, when interviewed by Special Agent FREDERICK AYER and the writer, positively identified all three subjects, RICHETTS, BEVER and R. DELAY as the three men who had kidnaped him and robbed him on the previous night, from photographs presented to him by the writer. It was noted that while Dr. WILSON was suffering somewhat from shock, upon seeing the photographs, his face lit up and there was no question about his identification.

Dr. WILSON gave the following description of events which occurred on the previous night -

He stated when he left the Bethesda Hospital and entered the parking space to get into his car a young man whom he identified as subject R. DELAY, walked up to his car and stated, "I want to see you Doc." When the Doctor opened the door another man, whom he identified as subject BEVER, slid in alongside of the Doctor in the driver's seat. A third man, whom the Doctor identified as subject RICHETTS, then came around the opposite side of the car and stated - "Doc. B. good and you won't get hurt."

Subject R. DELAY then took the place of BEVER and at this moment the Doctor stated he tooted his horn, at which time subject R. DELAY stated, "Cut his throat." Subject BEVER then stated, "Doc, get into the back seat over the top of the front seat." BEVER then sat on the left side of the rear seat, placed the Doctor alongside of him in the middle and said to subject RICHETTS, "Get in alongside of Doc."

At this moment subject BEVER stated, "Where is your purse?" The Doctor advised him that it was in his hip pocket and subject BEVER reached in and got it and took from the purse \$50.00 in currency, A and C Ration books and personal papers and identification cards, but the latter were returned to the Doctor when he requested them. The Doctor stated at this time they started driving out the parking lot of the hospital and he was told to get down on the floor between the front and rear seat. While driving around for what the Doctor thought was about fifteen minutes subject R. DELAY asked about the gas rationing books and how to use the coupons, indicating that they had had no previous experience with the gas rationing system.



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Doctor WILSON stated he fully explained the procedure to the subjects. He stated that at the time they left the hospital his gas tank was about one quarter full. The Doctor stated that during the fifteen-minute ride subject RICKETTS asked him if there was any morphine or dope in his grip. Doctor stated that he had approximately two grams of morphine. Dr. WILSON was of the opinion from the tone of RICKETTS question that RICKETTS might be a dope user.

The Doctor said after this fifteen-minute trip they stopped at a corner, at which time subject BEVER stated "Here is where you get out. We will get out first. Now don't start any rumpus because we don't want to hurt you." Subject RICKETTS then said, "I'll get out first" and then subject BEVER got out. Subject RICKETTS then said to the Doctor, "You get out". Doctor WILSON stated that subject RICKETTS led the way to the house and subject BEVER followed him. Subject RICKETTS then stated "Follow me." "Down the steps into the cellar." The Doctor remarked that subject RICKETTS left the car, unlocked the kitchen door, went into the basement and unlocked the basement door where RICKETTS and BEVER were waiting with the Doctor. After the door was opened subject BEVER said, "Let's take Doc upstairs." Subject RICKETTS then said - "No. It's too cold." Subject BEVER then said "Let's shake him down again," and at this time took from the Doctor's left pants pocket \$30.00 more in U. S. currency and change. Subject BEVER then asked, "Have you got a knife?" and when the Doctor answered in the affirmative, BEVER took it from the right hip pocket. At this point the Doctor asked them if it was possible for him to sit down because he was tired, at which subject RICKETTS produced a box for the Doctor to sit on. Subject BEVER then left and said to subject RICKETTS, "Watch this fellow and if he tells anything let him have it." Subject RICKETTS replied, "I will."

Subject BEVER then said, "I'll help JOE. We're going to haul some jugs out of here. I will be back." The Doctor said BEVER was gone about twenty minutes and then he returned he said, "Doc, I've got to tie you up." BEVER then went upstairs and brought back a considerable length of covered electric wire together with uncovered copper wire, plus numerous bed blankets. The Doctor stated the blankets were placed on the basement floor and after BEVER asked the Doctor what shape his overcoat was in, subject RICKETTS stated to BEVER, "It's cold in here. Let Doc wear it." BEVER then said, "Where are your gloves. Put them on and lie down." "Now I'm going to tie your feet," and later, "I'm tying your hands starting with the left and fastening it to the left foot" and the same procedure was followed by BEVER in tying the Doctor's right hand to his right foot.

Subject RICKETTS then said, "We should tie his arms to his sides." Subject BEVER then went back for more wire which was the uncovered copper type which subject RICKETTS wrapped around the doctor's arms and shoulders

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fifteen or twenty times from shoulder to elbow. Then subject RICKETTS fastened one end to a table and the other end to what the Doctor thought was a stove.

Doctor WILSON stated before he was securely tied subject RALPHY came down into the basement and the three subjects engaged in animated conversation, of which the Doctor was only able to gather a few words in that the Doctor said it sounded to him like gibberish or Latin. The Doctor stated that subject RALPHY at no time touched him personally.

After subjects BEVER and RALPHY had again left the basement subject RICKETTS while talking to the Doctor said he was sorry he was in the business so deep that he could not get out and sorry that he had to treat the Doctor that way and also said that after they were gone someone would come to release him. The Doctor asked subject RICKETTS if he would get his car back or his grip, to which RICKETTS replied that he would talk to the other boys, realizing that Doctor's instruments, particularly during this time, were hard to get.

The Doctor further stated that while they took most of the money from his pants pocket, they left enough change and stated that "After you're loose, Doc, you'll be able to get home on a street car." Subject RICKETTS then asked of the Doctor, "Will anyone miss you?" Doctor WILSON stated he told RICKETTS, "Yes, my wife. I called her before leaving the hospital and she is expecting me home." To this RICKETTS replied, "Do you and your wife live alone?" RICKETTS also asked if the Doctor had any guns in his home. The Doctor stated while he had guns at home he told subject RICKETTS that he had none. The Doctor stated he waited a few minutes after all three subjects had left and after about five minutes was able to untie his hands and arms to the extent that through this aid he was able to crawl up the basement stairs where he procured a stick of wood with which he supported himself and hobbled across the street to the home of Mrs. CLARA LINDHOLM, 625 Cream Street, who notified the police for him. He stated that in about twenty minutes after this the police arrived.

At the time the subjects left they also told the Doctor that it was O.K. for him to call the police. RICKETTS was also heard to say when the subject of doing away with the Doctor was brought up among the subjects, that "This fellow reminds me too much of my father and I don't want to see any harm come to him." The Doctor said all indications were that the other two subjects wanted to do away with him, however, he stated that he at no time saw any sort of weapon in their possession and he was paying close attention to this because he was on the lookout for anything which they might use to do him bodily harm. Dr. WILSON advised that the numbers of his gas rationing books had been obtained by him from Ration Board #4, at 2911 Woodburn Avenue and they

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are, as follows:

Ration Book A  
F 569,279 AK

Ration Books C  
F 659,031 U2  
F 659,032 U2

He stated that the "C" books were almost full and that he believed there were about two #1 stamps left in the "A" book and that the #5 stamp is not valid until sometime in March.

Dr. WILSON described his car which was stolen from him by the subjects as a 1938 model Chrysler Sedan, color blue, license 1942 Ohio 242 AK, Motor C 18-3092. Dr. WILSON valued his car at \$903.00.

It should be noted that the theft of the Doctor's car and the incident of the kidnaping were reported to all law enforcement agencies in the immediate vicinity, were given in a general radio broadcast by Station X of the Cincinnati Police Department which covers a one hundred mile area and also were given to the Ohio State Highway Patrol at Wilmington, Ohio.

The information was also forwarded by conference teletype to the following Field Offices: Albany, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Huntington, Indianapolis, Louisville, Milwaukee, New York, Atlanta, Kansas City, Little Rock, St. Louis, St. Paul, Miami and Pittsburgh.

It should be noted that to date no information has been received concerning the recovery of the car stolen from Doctor WILSON.

On February 18, 1943, Mrs. GLOUCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, wife of Dr. Wilson, furnished the Cincinnati Field Office with a special delivery air mail letter which had been received by her on that date, postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, 12:30 P.M., photostat copy of which is being retained in instant file, the original of which has been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for handwriting specimen and latent fingerprint examination. The body of such letter states -

"The Doctor is in a corner vacant house on  
Winslow and Crown Street tied up in the  
basement."

After skipping several lines the address again was written, "Winslow and Crown Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio." Below this is a diagram designating the questioned house at the intersection of Crown and Winslow Sts., bordered in the back by William Taft Road.

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On the same date Major EMMETT KIRGAN, Chief of Detectives Cincinnati Police Department, furnished the Cincinnati Office with a letter addressed to the Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, 12:30 P.M., 2-17-43, the original of which has been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, and the body of which stated, "Man tied up in a house on corner of Crown and Winslow, Cincinnati, Ohio, in basement." Below this was set out the diagram as described in previous letter.

Opinion rendered by Major KIRGAN and other Detectives of the Cincinnati Police Department is to the effect that the mailing of these letters from Louisville, Kentucky, may be a ruse and that the subjects are actually presently in Cincinnati, Ohio. All logical leads are being carried out with this thought in mind.

Arrangements have been made with Station X of the Cincinnati Police Department to have reported to the Cincinnati Office all automobile larcenies which may have connection with the escape of the three subjects since their escape from the County Jail bearing in mind the fact that they may still be in Cincinnati and may steal another car with which to leave Cincinnati.

Carbon copy of teletype received by the Cincinnati Office 2-18-43, from Kansas City, reflects that birth records at Kansas City, Kansas, reflect WILLIAM RATHLY born there September 24, 1911. Kansas City Police Department records reflect the following:

As WILLIAM RATHLY arrested 11-3-30 charge disturbing the peace, disposition 11-4-30, fined \$5.00.

As WILLIAM RATHLY arrested 6-3-31 charge vagrancy and highway robbery; disposition 7-24-31 dismissed for want of prosecution.

As WILLIAM RATHLY #4731, arrested 11-5-31, charge highway robbery; disposition turned over to State.

As WILLIAM RATHLY, arrested SO Kansas City, Kansas, 11-10-31; charge highway robbery; disposition 12-17-41 released Kansas City, Missouri Sheriff's office.

As WILLIAM RATHLY, arrested SO Kansas City, Missouri, 12-17-41 charge highway robbery; disposition, released on \$10,000.00 bond 3-19-42; jumped bond.

This teletype gives near relatives as follows:

Father  
Mother

Deceased  
VERA RATHLY TOMSKOVICH  
510 Split Log, Kansas City, Kansas

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| Sister         | Mrs. AGNES UZIEL<br>729 Orville, Kansas City, Kansas.               |
| Brother        | JOSEPH R. TRAY, living with mother.                                 |
| Step-sister    | ELIZABETH THOMAS, living with mother.                               |
| Step-brother   | FRANK THOMAS, U. S. Army  |
| Foster parents | ISAAC and MARY R. DRAKE,<br>250 W. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. |

The teletype states further that SAMUEL RICKETTS was born in Atchison County, Kansas, December 28, 1914. He has the following near relatives:

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| Mother  | Mrs. JULIA RICKETTS<br>3023 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri.   |
| Father  | THOMAS RICKETTS, disappeared in 1925, believed dead.   |
| Brother | HENRY LARSON, lives with mother  |
| Sisters | DOROTHY ROSS GOULDING,<br>3011 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri<br>Mrs. STELLA DAVIS, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.<br>Mrs. VERNON WILLIAMS, 2419 South Hill, Rosedale, Kansas.<br>Mrs. RUTH HOLMWAY, R.R. #10, North, Kansas City, Mo. |
| Wife    | Mrs. MOLL RICKETTS, also known as KAY CARROLL and<br>KAY RICKETTS, 3325 Central Ave., Kansas City, Missouri.   |

HARRY RALPH BEVER was born at Hill Grove, Missouri, September 13, 1916. He has the following listed near relatives:

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| Mother   | Mrs. ELEANOR BEVER,<br>115 E. 33rd Street, Kansas City, Mo.   |
| Father   | OSCAR BEVER,<br>115 E. 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.  |
| Brothers | THOMAS ROBERT BEVER<br>3424 Harrison Ave.,<br>Kansas City, Missouri.<br>ROBERT BEVER, United States Army. |

On February 17, 1943, at approximately 7:15 P.M., Mr. JIM MITCHELL telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office and advised that his son, EDWARD MITCHELL, and his two daughters living at Dayton, Ohio, had reported to him that CHARLES LARSON was at their home at Dayton, on the night of February 16th last. Mr. JIM MITCHELL wanted an Agent to investigate this.

Immediately after this call another telephone message

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was received from the Associated Press, a Mr. FRYE, who stated that they had heard that the police had captured the PARSONS brothers. He stated he had received his information through District #3, Cincinnati Police Department.

Upon telephonic contact with District #3, Patrolman WEINBERG advised that the PARSONS brothers had surrendered to the police at a vacant house at 101 Belmont Street in Riverside, Ohio. The Patrolman advised further that the PARSONS brothers were presently on their way to Headquarters in the custody of the police.

Accompanied by Special Agents PAUL RIFLE, CHARLES REAVES, JOSEPH C. VANAUGH, FREDERICK AYER, the writer proceeded to Station X where the PARSONS boys were found in the custody of the Detectives of the Cincinnati Police Department. It was noted that they were being questioned as to their escape and their activities since their escape by the detectives in the presence of newspaper reporters. Also present was Sheriff C. TAYLOR HAMILTON and it was noted that arrangements had been made by the police with the Sheriff, to immediately transport the PARSONS brothers to the Hamilton County Jail.

It was ascertained at the time of the PARSONS brothers arrest they were in the company of DORIS ELLA MITCHELL and ELIA VIRGINIA MITCHELL both of Addyston, Ohio, 15 and 17 years of age respectively. The MITCHELL girls were transported to the Hamilton County Jail with the PARSONS brothers in a patrol wagon.

Upon arrival at the Hamilton County Jail request was made of the Sheriff by the writer, for an interview with all subjects at which time the writer and Special Agent CHARLES REAVES interviewed subjects ARTHUR PARSONS and his brother, CHARLACE. Signed statements were obtained from them as to their activities in the actual escape and they were particularly questioned as to any knowledge they might have concerning the present whereabouts of the other three escapes. While they declined to make any information known to the writer and Special Agent REAVES in the signed statements taken from the MITCHELL girls by Special Agent PAUL RIFLE and FREDERICK AYER it was learned that the PARSONS brothers had made known to them the intentions of the other three subjects and their possible itinerary. Signed statements of the PARSONS brothers are being set out as well as those of the MITCHELL daughters. The statements made by the MITCHELL daughters are also being set out in a new file involving the charges and arrest of their parents for concealing the PARSONS brothers and that of HIRSH SCOTT, all of Addyston, Ohio, and will be made a part of this latter file.

Both PARSONS boys, while voluntarily giving these statements, refused to sign them, requesting the interviewing Agents to return in several days at which time they might sign, and in the meantime they wanted to talk to

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their Attorney. They both readily admitted their escape and their part in the escape:

"Hamilton County Jail  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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"I, CLARENCE ALBERT HICKS, make the following voluntary statement to Mr. JOHN RAITER and C. E. REAVES, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, knowing that it may be used in any court of law.

"About 1 month ago, RALPH, BEVER, RICKETTS, my brother, ARTHUR and I, had talked about breaking jail, and several times since. On evening of February 12, 1943, we all agreed that this was the night to go. We agreed that I was to sit near the door of our cell block, and that BEVER and I were to grab the guard. RALPH and RICKETTS said that they would get the door open. After the water started to run across the floor several boys in our cell block yelled for a mop. When the guard, named AL, brought the mop, BEVER and I grabbed him, and locked him in a cell. RICKETTS, RALPH, my brother, ARTHUR, they ran through the dining room. Then I saw them again RALPH came back and talked to BEVER, then BEVER climbed over the door. And when the guard named DENNIS WILK entered, BEVER jumped him, and the rest of us, RALPH, RICKETTS, ARTHUR and I ran out. RALPH and I ran upstairs, where we got the matron and brought her along with other guards to main jail cell block hallway where we locked them in a cell. Then I came out RALPH was in the elevator, after he got it started, and thought he stopped it, but it kept going down. The five of us then slid down on the cables to next floor below. We then ran down stairs to where we met a guard on first floor. He asked the guard to show us out, he said "I can't wait in on this." But agreed to show us the way out. He showed us to first floor, where the five of us jumped out in a window to court yard. I was the first out. After reaching the ground we climbed back into Court House and then out onto a rain low to street. I walked towards town I slipped on Main Street, then I turned left and across 1 block, then left again toward the river. I then walked along the river to a garage some distance past the last bridge, where I slept in a car. Then I walked some more the next day. I would have to stop often because to walk up, and rest my feet because I injured them when I jumped from the jail. I walked until Sunday afternoon, when I reached the abandoned house near "Farabak Dam", where I was arrested today.

"As to the girls that were with us, I know them sometime before I was arrested the first time. They happened by the house this afternoon, when ARTHUR and I called to them. I know the girls as DONNA and VIRGINIA MITCHELL. I do not know anything about the whereabouts of RALPH, BEVER and RICKETTS nor where they were going.

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"I sign this written statement consisting of 2 pages, after reading it and initialing all mistakes.

"After asking CLARENCE PARSONS to sign he stated while everything in statement is the truth, he wanted to sign it some other day."

Witness:

JOHN REITER, F.B.I.

CHARLES A. REEDS, F.B.I.

"Hamilton County Jail  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 17, 1943.

"Statements of ARTHUR PARSONS, made voluntarily in the presence of Special Agents C. A. REEDS and JOHN REITER of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"About 2 weeks ago, I heard RALPH, BEVER and RICHETTS talking in a language which sounded like Latin. From this conversation I gathered that something was being planned. From time to time one of the three would say to me, 'Tell PARSONS your going to serve 75 years, what are you going to do about it.'

"On Friday February 12th, 1943, while in cell with RALPH, RICHETTS, BEVER and myself and brother CLARENCE I noticed something wrong when a car was being split on the jail floor. I heard TONY TRANT holler for a cop. When the guard brought the cop, RALPH, RICHETTS and BEVER jumped the guard. At that time I was walking the range I heard several guys holler its a break. I thought I might as well go. When I reached the main jail door I saw BEVER beating DEANIS WILSON, guard. I do not like to see people beaten and asked BEVER to stop. All five RALPH, RICHETTS, BEVER, brother CLARENCE, then with our way out of the County building and finally jumped to the street.

"Just before leaving jail RICHETTS went to where jail matron was and brought her down to the main part of the jail, where she was locked up. After reaching street RALPH, BEVER, RICHETTS and myself got into a V-8 Ford, color black, which had been stopped by BEVER. BEVER asked the man and woman to get out, RALPH then drove the car all over town looking for an apartment. Then RALPH decided to get on their car. He left BEVER, RICHETTS and I sitting in the first car. After about 10 minutes he drove up in another car, the 3 of



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us then got into the car RUDOLPH was driving. He then drove into Eden Park, where officers started to chase us and shooting at us. We tried to get away. After skidding off the road I started running. I don't know what happened to the other 3 fellows. I went to a home near Eden Park where I got a pair of pants and a blue pullover sweater. I then walked street car line toward river and followed the railroad tracks down the river until I reached an abandoned house near Adyston, Ohio. When I arrived there my brother CLARENCE was waiting for me. I arrived at the abandoned house sometime after noon the following day. My brother and I stayed at this place until we were arrested today.

"As to the girls that were with us, they happened by this afternoon about 3:00 P.M. After we called to them they came over and were with us until we were arrested. He had known these girls from previous visits, and knew their first names as VIRGINIA and DORIS.

"After asking ARTHUR PARSONS to sign he stated he had watch the agent write it and that it was the truth but refused to sign.

Witness:

JOHN REITER, F.B.I.

CHARLES H. RAINES, F.B.I."

"Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943.

"I, ELLA VIRGINIA MITCHELL of 4444 Main Street, Adyston, Ohio, make the following voluntary statement to FREDERICK WEAVER, JR., and PAUL E. WEAVER, when I knew to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I just met ARTHUR and CLARENCE PARSONS last summer in North Bend, Ohio. We dated them about twice at that time. I attended one day of their trial for kidnaping and was told that they are charged with kidnaping and rape.

"Yesterday, February 16, at about 2:30 P.M. I went walking along the river bank in Adyston with my sister, ELLA MITCHELL, looking for my brother. As we went by a house either CLARENCE or ARTHUR PARSONS stuck his head out the window and said, 'Hey we're glad to see you.'

"We went in and asked them how they got out. They said they had jumped the guards, slid down the elevator shaft and eventually got out jail. That, together with the three bank robbers they had stolen an automobile when they had thrown away the keys to the first car they left and that CLARENCE and ARTHUR had taken another car and headed towards Eden Park. They said that they had tried to get away and that the cops chased them and shot at them. Then they wrecked their car and left on foot. I asked them

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where they went after that and where they got their clothes. They wouldn't tell me. They wouldn't tell us any more about how they got out. They did say that they were going to try to get guns and hold up a bank.

"I couldn't find out whether they had told the people whose house they were staying in who they were. ARTHUR just told me that the man who owned the house had told him that he and CLARENCE could stay there and live and eat. ARTHUR said that he had told the man that he would fix up some of his windows and plaster for his place.

"ARTHUR told me he and CLARENCE planned the break from the Hamilton County Jail.

"During the whole time from 3 A.M. until 7 P.M. when the cops came in we played cards and talked. I never went to bed with either boy and neither of them asked me to.

"During the course of the conversation both of them told me that 'Red' and the other two bank robbers were planning to rob another bank after they had gotten guns. They told me that the three men were heading for Kansas City to do this job.

"I have read the above statement of me and 7/8 pages. It is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No promises or other inducements were used in obtaining it from me and I realize that it may be used in a court of law. I have initialed all changes and such parts.

Signed. EMIL VIRGINIA MITCHELL.

Witnessed:

FREDERICK AYER, JR., Special Agent F.B.I.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

PAUL E. RIFFLE, Special Agent, F.B.I.  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943."

"Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943

"I, EMIL VIRGINIA MITCHELL of 1714 St., Dayton, Ohio, make the following voluntary statement to FREDERICK AYER, JR. and PAUL E. RIFFLE, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"I first met the HASSONS brothers, CLARENCE and ARTHUR about May of 1942 at North Bend, Ohio. I had a few dates at that time.

"The next time I saw them was about three o'clock in Riverside. They were in a house and looked out the window and told us to come on in. We did this and played cards for awhile, the HASSONS, my sister, VIRGINIA, and myself. After awhile I got tired of playing cards and lay down. At that time the police came in.

"ARTHUR told me about stealing two automobiles and said he and 'Red' Beaver were together in a car in Eden Park when they were chased by the police. He and Red separated after the car was wrecked and met again somewhere near Broadway in Cincinnati. Bill and Sam stayed together and CLARENCE went off by himself. He told me that he was never in Eden Park. He said that he took a bus to Fairbank and then walked along the river. He and ARTHUR said they met again in S. Glen Park or Edgerton and had been in the house in Riverside since Monday. This house belonged to Mrs. HANES. I knew this because her name was on the blanket on the bed.

"ARTHUR said that after separating from 'Red' Beaver he jumped onto a freight train somewhere but was knocked off and scratched his head. He then said that he next met 'Red' Beaver in Cincinnati somewhere and that 'Red' asked him to steal another car for him and drive with him to Kansas City. This ARTHUR said he wouldn't do.

"Both HASSONS boys said that the three bank robbers had talked about getting more runs and robbing another bank.

"CLARENCE asked me if his sister knew about the jail break but I couldn't tell him as we, my sister and I, were not allowed out of the house.

"From the conversation I knew that CLARENCE and either 'Red' Beaver or BILL HANES planned the break in. I had heard it planned for two or three months. Also I believe that ARTHUR and CLARENCE told me that the other three men weren't planning to rob any more banks until they got to Missouri.

"CLARENCE also told me that he and 'Red' Beaver first jumped the guard and that Red was the one who beat up Dennis Ryan. Clarence was the one who went to get the women and lock her up. When they jumped out the window Clarence got left and had to kick the glass out of the door. They got from the 6th floor to the 4th floor by sliding down the elevator cable. I'm not sure how they got from the 4th to the first floor.

Re: RAYMOND ALAN SEVER, was. et al - FUGITIVES.

"The statement which I made at the beginning to the Agents of the F.B.I. that the first time I saw the PARSONS boys was today, is not true. My sister, VIRGINIA and I saw both of them yesterday along the railroad at 54th Park. They told me that they had broken jail and how they had done it. We talked for about ten minutes.

"That night I and my sister went to the movies. I knew the boys were wanted by the police and the F.B.I. I told my mother and father that I had seen them and they told me to stay in the house and that it was too late to call the police. In spite of this I went with my sister VIRGINIA to visit the PARSONS boys today.

"I also knew that NICHOLAS SCOTT knew that the PARSONS boys were in Adhyton because he talked to my mother and father about it last night before I went to the show.

"I know I was doing wrong in not reporting this to the police because I liked the boys too much.

"I never slept with either of the PARSONS boys but CLARENCE did ask me to go to bed with him today. He did kiss me but we never went upstairs. He tried quite hard to make me and he asked me to spend the night. I wouldn't. They also asked my sister to spend the night with him, but she also refused.

"Last summer I generally hated CLARENCE and VIRGINIA generally hated ARTHUR. I was in love with CLARENCE.

"NICHOLAS SCOTT came down to the show around 9 o'clock last night and wanted me to go with him to meet someone. I did not go. He told my mother and father that he knew the PARSONS boys were just in Delhi.

"The first time that I knew that the boys were in the house in Delhi was when RUTH KENNELT's little girl told us that they were there. This was yesterday afternoon and my sister and I went to look for them. When we found them on the railroad track they asked us to date them last night. I told them we were going to the show and we arranged to make a date with them at the house where they were staying this afternoon.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 3 2/3 pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No promises or other inducements were used to obtain it from me and I realize that it may be used in court. I have initialed each page and each correction.

(Signed) DANN ELL MITCHELL

Witnessed:

FREDLICK LEEK, JR., Special Agent,  
F.B.I. Cincinnati

PAUL E. LITTLE, Special Agent,  
F.B.I. Cincinnati, Ohio

February 27, 1943.

Re: HARRY RALPH HEVER, w.o.s. FUGITIVE et al.

It should be noted that the PARSONS brothers were fingerprinted and photographed by the Cincinnati Police Department. The MITCHELL girls were fingerprinted and photographed by Bureau Agents; their fingerprints are being forwarded to the Identification Division and their photographs are being retained in the Cincinnati file.

On February 18, 1943, United States Commissioner W. PAUL GAOCHESMAN arraigned the PARSONS brothers while in the Hamilton County Jail, at which time the PARSONS brothers, through the instructions of their attorney, entered a plea of not guilty but waived final hearing. The Commissioner set their bond at \$25,000. each. On the same date CLARENCE and LETHBR PARSONS were moved from the Hamilton County Jail by United States Marshal Sisson and his deputies, to the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Michigan, for safe-keeping.

The facts concerning the concealment of the PARSONS brothers since their escape will be set out in the case entitled, "NICKOLAS SCOCOCO, also known as MIKE SCOTT; EVERETT MITCHELL; FLORENCE MITCHELL; HARBORING; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS."

Upon information obtained by JOHN DAVIS, Detective, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, from a confidential informant to the effect that a LUCILLE BLANDFORD, who worked with a cane and who resided at 410 Catherine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, was the former wife of subject RICKETTS, the following investigation was conducted and will be continued further -

It was learned from Detective DAVIS' informant that a Mr. FRANK SPIVAK, 2536 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, a real estate dealer knew the background of LUCILLE BLANDFORD and that he also supposedly had information to the effect that she was the former wife of subject RICKETTS. SPIVAK was interviewed by Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JIM SCHOTT and the writer on February 19, 1943, at which time SPIVAK advised that he was a former boyfriend of LUCILLE BLANDFORD and that when he knew her she resided at 410 Catherine Street as indicated by Detective JOHN DAVIS' informant. He stated that he had not heard from LUCILLE BLANDFORD for some period of time indicating about three years, but after further questioning admitted he had heard from her telephonically approximately two months ago when she informed him that her husband had died and that she was operating a tavern in either Maumee or Batavia, Ohio, and at this time she indicated to SPIVAK that she was anxious of selling this tavern.

It was noted that SPIVAK appeared hesitant in answering direct questions indicating that he had knowledge of this marriage. SPIVAK referred the Detectives and the writer to a colored man who is the

Re: HARRY ALPH BEVER, was. FUGITIVE et al.

Janitor in an apartment building at the intersection of Burnet Ave., and Catherine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Proceeding to that address the detectives and the writer immediately recognized this colored janitor as the same one who was interviewed concerning the garages that had been rented by subjects BEVER, RICKETS and RUDLEY prior to the Avondale Branch Bank Robbery on October 31, 1942. When questioned as to a woman walking with a cane he stated that she had resided in the building in which he was janitor and that she had moved approximately ten days prior to the date of the interview and he knew her as RUTH SMITH. In further questioning of this colored janitor he admitted that the person in whom we were interested, HELEN BLANDFORD, was actually known to him and that while he knew her she had lived at 410 Catherine Street and in fact his wife had done the laundry for the Blandford sisters while they resided at that address. He stated he was certain that she was not the same person as RUTH SMITH. Investigation at 410 Catherine Street reflected that the janitor at that address is a Mr. HUGH FRESTON and upon inquiry for this person the writer and the detectives interviewed Mrs. FRESTON, who advised that her husband was working at Wright Aeronautical Corporation and was also janitor of that building.

Vigorous questioning developed that HUGH FRESTON was actually a witness to the Avondale Branch Bank Robbery in that he was a customer at the bank and upon being interviewed on the day after the robbery Mr. FRESTON indicated he would be able to identify one or more of the participants in the hold-up, however, when given an opportunity to view the subjects in the Hamilton County Jail on January 1, 1943, he neglected to identify any of the subjects.

One outstanding fact that seems prevalent is that in the admissions made by subject BEVER to St. Paul Agents as to his part in the Avondale Branch robbery, October 31, 1942, he advised the St. Paul Agents that they had kept the Plymouth automobile, which was found in their possession at Minneapolis, in a garage at the address of what he believed was 3415 Burnet Ave., and that it was a grey building with numerous garages in the back, and that the janitor for this building was white.

It is noted that the building of which FRESTON is presently the janitor fits this description and while there is no 3415 Burnet Ave., there is a 3414 Burnet Ave., and the garages connected with the building in which FRESTON is janitor could appear to be connected with 3414 Burnet Ave.

Detective DAVIS is re-contacting his confidential informant to obtain more detailed information as to any connection these addresses may possibly have with the subjects at the present time, in view of the fact that there is every indication that they involved preceding the bank robbery.

PENDING

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. FUGITIVE et al.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

\* ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS REPORT

All offices receiving copies of this report, and who have reports on the cases entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was. FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RICKETTS, was. FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. FUGITIVE; AVONDALE BAKER, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, 10-31-42;" with the character "BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; SELECTIVE SERVICE; FEDERAL FINANCES ACT" are requested to review their files with a view to developing any information that can be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subjects. All relatives and associates should be contacted and advised of the prosecutive action that will be taken against them if they harbor or assist the fugitives in this case, and seek their cooperation.

CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will maintain close contact with Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JIM SCHOTT, concerning information they have developed that one LUCILLE BLANDFORD, formerly residing at 410 Catharine Street, Cincinnati, is the former wife of subject RICKETTS.

Will follow and report prosecutive action of CLARENCE and ARTHUR WILSONS for violation of Section 753 H Title 18 USCA.

\* Will contact at CO-NEE DEVOLROS, employed at Benny Friedman's Restaurant, Burnett Ave., near Goodale Ave., in that she has agreed to be of assistance to the Cincinnati Office in the event subjects RICKETTS, BEVER and RICKETTS attempt to contact her or correspond with her.

\* Will also keep in close contact with Major KIRGAN, Chief of Detectives, Cincinnati Police Department, concerning the possible theft of automobiles or automobile plates in Cincinnati subsequent to the escape of the subjects.

\* Will also maintain contact with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Jailers at the Hamilton County Jail, concerning any information that may come to their attention or any correspondence that may presently be in the mails for the subjects, which have as yet not been received.

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At SCOTTSBURG, Ind.

Will conduct investigation as per teletype dated

Re: HARRY RAMON BEVER, was. FUGITIVE et al.

2-21-43 at Indianapolis, in effect that BEN SIMON and BILLY SIMON may have knowledge or connection with subject BEVER.

At Gary, Indiana

Will contact CHARLES RABKAY, 445 Maryland Street and JOHN RABKAY, 4545 Massachusetts Street, concerning any information they may have relative to subjects.

At East Chicago, Indiana

Will contact JOE RABKAY, 5024 Harve Place, for any information he may have regarding subjects.

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will establish who Aunt KATH, LEONA and the SUTLEC family are and interview them as to any information they may have concerning subject RABKAY. It should be noted that this information was obtained from letter addressed to subject RABKAY at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked Kansas City, Kansas, 2-12-43, and apparently written by subject's mother, bearing the return address 250 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

\* AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will interrogate E. (NEOLA) RICHETTS at 3825 Central Ave., the wife of subject RICHETTS, concerning the present whereabouts of her husband and the other subjects.

At 2711 Hiary or, Gary Street, will interrogate "THELMA O.R. BILLY" concerning the present whereabouts of subject RICHETTS to whom she has recently written. Will also interrogate her concerning the identity of "ROY M. JOHNSON" who also recently sent a letter to subject RICHETTS.

Will interview THOMAS "GLEN" BEVER, 3424 Harrison St., concerning the present whereabouts of his brother and the other subjects. Will also question him concerning the identity and present whereabouts of the "CLEVELAND" MARGARET and "COLLIER". It is noted that these three individuals were mentioned in the recent letter from him to subject BEVER.

Will review report of Special Agent MILTON B. DICKERSON dated 1-19-43 at Kansas City, and contact all known relatives of the three bank robbery subjects; also will contact appropriate law enforcement agencies and apprise them of the fact that these subjects have caused their escape.



Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, W.P.S. FUGITIVE et al.

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

At NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Will keep in contact with confidential informants to elicit any information that may assist in locating subjects BEVER, RALPH and RICHARDS. Also keep in contact with the Manager of the Dot Cab Co., 3rd and York Streets, Newport, concerning the unknown woman who claims to have seen subjects in the Surf Club on the morning of February 14, 1943.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning Mrs. JANE KILLAM, husband of JOSEPH KILLAM, employee of General Motors, as instrument worker, in that Mrs. KILLAM is a former girl friend of subject BEVER and seek her cooperation as per teletype dated 2-13-43 from the St. Paul Field Division.

\* ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

At ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Will review their files and cover all logical leads that the St. Paul office has developed in previous investigations as to contacts on lady friends of subjects RALPH, BEVER and RICHARDS and apprise all law enforcement agencies of the fact that the subjects have caused their escape at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Title-

HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases et al

Special Agent

JOHN A. REITER

Date

2/22/43

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| ANGLAN, EUNICE                          | 7                 |
| BLANDFORD, LUCILLE                      | 24                |
| CHEVROLET SEDAN - MOTOR NO. AA 955,097  | 8                 |
| CHRYSLER SEDAN MOTOR NO. C18,- 8092     | 1                 |
| CLEVENGER, ONE                          | 27                |
| CORBETT, BETTY                          | 6                 |
| CORBETT, ELEANORE                       | 6                 |
| DREIDAME, RUTH                          | 7                 |
| FORD SEDAN MOTOR NO. 18-2141824         | 8                 |
| JUANITA, ONE                            | 27                |
| KELLAR, MRS. ANNE                       | 2, 28             |
| KELLAR, JOSEPH                          | 28                |
| KELLER, MRS.                            | 3                 |
| KENNETT, GOLDIE                         | 6                 |
| KENNETT, RUTH                           | 6                 |
| KINNETT, GOLDIE                         | 2                 |
| KINNETT, RUTH                           | 2                 |
| MARGARET, ONE                           | 27                |
| MITCHELL, LAWN EMMA                     | 1, 17, 20, 21, 23 |
| MITCHELL, DONNA                         | 18                |
| MITCHELL, ELLA VIRGINIA                 | 17, 20, 21        |
| MITCHELL, VIRGINIA                      | 1, 18             |
| PARDONS, VIRGINIA                       | 2, 6              |
| RATION BOOK F659,031 U2 and F659,032 U2 | 14                |
| RATIONING BOOKS                         | 13                |
| RICKETTS, N. (NEOLA)                    | 27                |
| ROY, ONE                                | 27                |
| SCOTT, MIKE                             | 23, 24            |
| SHANKS, NOLA                            | 5                 |
| SMITH, RUTH                             | 25                |
| SPENCE, ONE                             | 4, 5              |
| SPENCE, CHARLES                         | 3                 |
| THELMA O.K. BILLY                       | 27                |
| TOMMIE, ONE                             | 27                |
| TRENT, MARTHA                           | 5                 |
| WILSON, DR.                             | 10, 12, 13        |
| WILSON, DR. CLOYCE                      | 2, 11             |

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 26, 1943

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File # 76-9796

EX - 45

Re: Harry Ralph Sawyer, with aliases, et al. Lab. # 97734  
Fugitives  
Escaped Federal Prisoners  
Federal Escape Act

Examination requested by: Cincinnati (76-966)

Reference: Letter February 12, 1943

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens: Feenan

- Q1 Envelope postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, addressed to Mrs. Cloyce Wilson, 3557 Lockport Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Doctor is in a corner...."
- Q3 Envelope postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, addressed to Chief of Police, Station 1, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q4 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Men tied up in....."

Result of examination

The above-listed questioned evidence was compared with the signatures appearing on the fingerprint cards for Harry Sawyer, FBI #2413512, William McKay, FBI #711697, and Samuel Ricketts, FBI #1426357. Although no conclusion could be reached as to whether any of these subjects wrote the questioned evidence, because the writing was not comparable, similarities were noted which indicated that the questioned writing was partially written

Mr. Tolson Harry Sawyer.

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg Specimen Q1 consisted of an envelope made of white bond paper measuring 5.50 inches to 5.65 inches in length, 3.60 inches to 3.62 inches in width, having a thickness of 0.0040 inches to 0.0042 inches, and weighing 1.6014 grams. This paper has a light density value of 1.95 to 1.97.

Mr. Rosen COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carlson M A 344 E D 2 Specimen Q2 consisted of a sheet of ruled white linen paper measuring 1.60 inches to 1.61 inches in width, 6.40 inches to 6.61 inches in length, having a thickness of 0.0031 inches to 0.0036 inches, and weighing 1.9755 grams. This paper has a light density value of 0.90 to 0.92, and has a substance number of 20.

Mr. McGowan FEB 26 1943 P.M.

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Mr. Gandy

Mr. Gandy MAP 1 3/1943

*[Handwritten signature and initials]*

Specimen 31 consisted of a white band envelope with characteristics similar to those of 31. 34 consisted of a sheet of white ruled lin. paper with characteristics similar to those of 32.

Specimens 31 through 34 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report is being given on this phase of the examination.

In accordance with your request, the submitted evidence will be forwarded to your office within the next several days after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 18, 1943

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Director, FBI

Att'n: Technical Laboratory

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al,  
FUGITIVES  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

On February 16, 1943, Doctor CLOYCE WILSON, of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was kidnaped by Subjects HARRY BEVER, with aliases, FBI #2413512, WILLIAM RATKAY, with aliases, FBI #911699, and SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FBI #1486280. Doctor WILSON was tied with wire and left in the basement of a vacant house in Cincinnati after the Subjects had overpowered him and stolen his automobile.

An air mail special delivery letter postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, at 12:30 PM, addressed to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, was received by Mrs. WILSON in Cincinnati at about 9:00 PM on February 17, 1943. The contents of this letter are as follows: "Doctor is in a corner vacant house on Winslow and Crown Streets tied up in the basement," and the letter bore a diagram showing the location of the house where Doctor WILSON was left tied up. There were also the additional words "Winslow and Crown Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio."

On February 18, 1943, an air mail special delivery letter was received by the Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked February 17, 1943, 12:30 PM, at Louisville, Kentucky, which letter is as follows: "Man tied up in a house on corner of Crown and Winslow, Cincinnati, Ohio, in basement." The letter also bore a diagram of a square block designating the house bordering on Crown Street and Winslow, from William Taft Road to the back of the house.

It is desired that the Technical Laboratory chemically treat the enclosed letters and envelopes for latent fingerprints, and to compare the handwriting contained thereon with the handwriting of the three subjects as it appears on their fingerprint cards.

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The first letter received by Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON was only handled by her and her daughter, along with postal employees. However, in

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the case of the second letter it should be noted that it was handled by numerous police officers, and the possibility of latent prints is negative.

It is desired that the envelopes and letters be preserved and returned to the Cincinnati Field Division after appropriate examinations have been made.

Very truly yours

  
A. H. BELMONT, SAC

Enclosures

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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, HARRY RALPH BEVER, CLARENCE  
ALBERT PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, ESCAPED ~~FEDERAL~~  
FEDERAL PRISONERS, THREE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL FLYERS  
REQUIRED FOR COMPLETE COVERAGE.4

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Hendon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Piper  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

EX-43

16-  
Re. Clarence Albert Parsons, was fug;  
Arthur Raymond Parsons, was fug;  
William Isaac Raskay, was fug;  
Samuel Ricketts, was fug;  
Harry Ralph Riven, was fug;  
Bank Robbery,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners,  
Federal Escape Act.

I Name and Address

Clarence Albert Parsons,  
with alias,  
Woodrow Holbrook,  
Clarence Wells  
Corporal Clarence Wells

II FBI # 2135406

III Fingerprint Classification:

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## V Description

Age, 33 years, born July 3, 1919,  
Vanceburg, Kentucky

Height, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches

Weight, 150 pounds

Eyes, brown

Hair, brown

Complexion, medium

Build, medium slender

Race, white

Nationality, American

Education, attended high school

Occupations, cook

Scars and Marks, scar middle  
finger left hand, mole both sides  
of face, vaccination scar left arm,  
lower teeth missing.

Reulcauter, **CONSIDERED DANGEROUS**

## VI Photograph

copy please

III Relatives

✓ Mrs. Mary Ellen Parsons, mother  
Broadway Avenue, P.O. #23,  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

✓ Albert Parsons, father  
address unknown

✓ John Paul Parsons, brother  
State Reformatory  
Mansfield, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Goldie Kennett, sister  
North Bend, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Tom (Rued) Kennett, sister  
First Street  
Adams, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Virginia Lamm, sister  
(SAMS)  
First Street  
Adams, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Frances Chelton, sister  
431 - 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
West New York, New Jersey

✓ Arthur Raymond Parsons, brother,  
Age, 24 years, Height, 5 feet 11 inches,  
Weight, 170 pounds, Eyes, blue,  
Hair, blond, wavy, Complexion, ruddy,  
Build, medium, Race, white,  
Nationality, American, Education, 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade, Occupations, cook, farmer,  
Scars and Marks, 1/2" scar left thumb,  
3 moles on face, mole back of neck,  
vaccination scar left arm, Pencil marks,  
reported to be mentally deficient,  
psychopathic personality. Address  
Unknown, possibly traveling with  
subject.

## VIII Criminal Record;

As Clarence Albert Parsons, #8400-713,  
arrested Baltimore and Ohio Railroad  
Company, Parkersburg, West Virginia,  
May 7, 1939; charge, train riding;  
disposition, 15 days County Jail.

As Clarence Parsons, # ———,  
arrested Sheriff's Office, Parkersburg,  
West Virginia, September 29, 1939;  
charge, petty larceny; disposition,  
60 days County Jail.

As Clarence Albert Parsons, # ———,  
arrested U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati,  
Ohio, September 2, 1942; charge, kidnaping;  
disposition, 75 years <sup>(November 23, 1942)</sup>, lodged  
County Jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY  
12, 1943. Copy

## IX Process Outstanding

Subject was sentenced in the U. S.  
District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, on  
November 23, 1942 to serve 75 years  
in a Federal Penitentiary for violation  
of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. On  
February 12, 1943, subject escaped from

the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
where he was being held in custody for  
Federal authorities.

~~The Person Following:~~

A complaint was filed before  
a U. S. Commissioner at Cincinnati,  
Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging  
subject as Clarence Albert Parnum  
with a violation of the Federal  
Escape Act in that he escaped from  
the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati,  
Ohio on February 12, 1943. ~~where~~  
~~he was being held in custody for~~

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Date:

76-9296  
February 23, 1943

To:

SAC, Juneau

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1871  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEWER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith six copies of Identification Order #1871 on Subject William Isaac Radkay.

Enclosure

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Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

February 19, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: WANTED NOTICE on  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., et al.

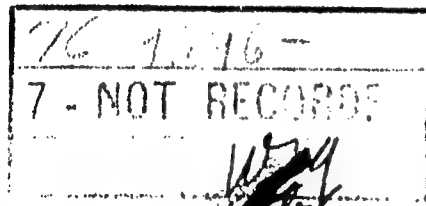
Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with 250 additional  
copies of the Wanted Notice on SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, et al.

Very truly yours,

*Duane L. Traynor*  
DUANE L. TRAYNOR  
Special Agent in Charge

DLT:EJW



Ordered  
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February 23, 1943

To:

SAC, San Juan

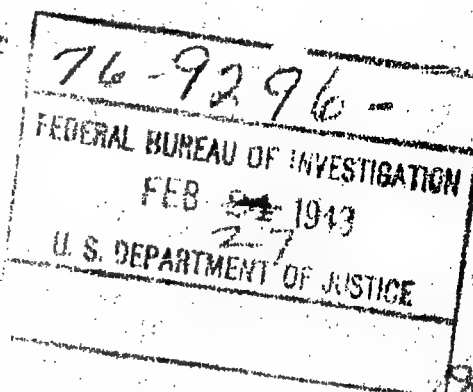
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1871  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith seven copies of Identification  
 Order #1871 on Subject William Isaac Radkay.

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Mr. Tolson

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Coffey

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Mr. Nichols

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Date: February 22, 1943

To: SAC, San Juan

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith seven copies each of Identification Orders #1870 and #1869 on Subjects Ricketts and Bever, respectively.

Enclosures *u*

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC, LOS ANGELES

Transmit the following message to:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, ETAL, FUGITIVES, FRA, MFP. REURTEL TWENTY-THIRD  
INSTANT DESTROY BUREAU CIRCULARS DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH WHICH HAVE  
NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED SINCE IDENTIFICATION ORDERS ON SUBJECTS RICKETTS,  
RADKAY AND BEVER PRESENTLY ENROUTE YOUR OFFICE. HANDLE LOS IMMEDIATELY  
UPON THEIR RECEIPT.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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DOLT. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS, HARRY RALPH  
EEVER, WAS, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS,  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. BUREAU CIRCULAR DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN  
RECEIVED BUT NOT BEING DISTRIBUTED THIS DISTRICT PENDING FURTHER  
ADVISE FROM BUREAU IN VIEW STATEWIDE TELETYPE BROADCAST BY POLICE  
HERE YESTERDAY ON BASIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PD, CINCINNATI,  
CPIC, THAT CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS IN  
CUSTODY. ADVISE DISPOSITION DESIRED.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CINCINNATI

RELAY FIFTEENTH INSTANT HARRY DEVER, WAS, ETAL FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.  
ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT APPEARING ON LEFT MARKED QUOTE CHEVROLET  
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LICENSE NUMBER FOUR SEVEN DASH SN CLOSE QUOTE IDENTIFIED RIGHT  
MIDDLE  
FINGER IMPRESSION HARRY RALPH DEVER.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:  
RELET SEVENTEENTH INSTANT HARRY RALPH BEAVER, WAS, ETAL FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT LIFTED AT SIX TWENTYEIGHT  
CROWN STREET CINCINNATI IDENTICAL RIGHT THUMB IMPRESSION HARRY RALPH BEAVER.  
FURTHER COMPARISONS BEING CONDUCTED.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: February 22, 1943  
SAC, Indianapolis

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

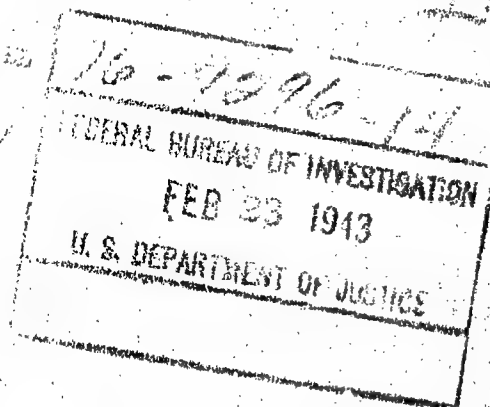
Subject:

CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
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SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

In accordance with the request set out in your teletype dated February 21, 1943, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of photographs of subjects Radkay and Bever.

Enclosures *cc*  
cc - Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1943

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT.

Assistant SAC Obenshain, Cincinnati, phoned to advise that subjects Clarence and Arthur Parsons were arraigned today at Cincinnati for violation of the Federal Escape Act, at which time they pled not guilty. They waived final hearing and were ordered held in default of \$25,000.00, bonds in connection with this charge. Pending final disposition of an appeal which they had filed previously with the Circuit Court of Appeals, they are being removed immediately to Milan, Michigan, where they will be held at the United States Correctional Institution.

Mr. Obenshain stated that complaints have been authorized against one Mike Scott, whose true name has not been ascertained and against Everett and Florence Mitchell, charging them with harboring the Parsons brothers. These complaints are being filed immediately. Subject Scott is in custody and it is anticipated that the Mitchells will be picked up in an hour or so. Everett and Florence Mitchell are the father and mother of Dawn and Virginia Mitchell, ages 15 and 17, the two girls who were with the Parsons brothers at the time the latter were apprehended.

The Mitchells are known to have entertained the Parsons brothers at their home on Sunday, February 14, 1943. Scott, who lives at Addyston, Ohio, is an acquaintance of the Parsons brothers and the Mitchell family, and it is known that he told the two Mitchell girls how to locate the shack in which the Parsons brothers were staying at the time of their apprehension. He also knew of the fact that the subjects were at the Mitchell home. To date the United States Attorney has declined to prosecute the two girls because of their youth.

A press release was made at Cincinnati regarding the fact that prosecution of Mike Scott has been authorized under the Federal Harboring Statute and as soon as Everett and Florence Mitchell are picked up, the fact that they too are being prosecuted for harboring will be made available to the press. This was done in view of the fact local authorities know of the activities of these individuals and since it was desired that the

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

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Bureau be mentioned in the press releases regarding these persons.

There have been no recent developments in the investigation looking toward the apprehension of subjects Bever, Radkay, and Ricketts, although at the present time unverified information received through a local police informant to the effect Radkay's wife is presently in Cincinnati, is being checked out.

Respectfully,



K. C. West

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS ETAL FUGITIVE FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.  
BUREAU LETTER DATED FEBRUARY TWELFTH NINETEEN FORTYTHREE FILE  
NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR EIGHT ONE TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN  
CHARGE. RE SAMUEL RICKETTS WAS HARRY RALPH BEVER WAS WILLIAM  
ISAAC RADKAY WAS BANK ROBBERY AVONDALE BRANCH SECOND NATIONAL  
BANK CINCINNATI OHIO OCTOBER THIRTYFIRST NINETEEN FORTYTWO.  
THIS FIELD DIVISION RECEIVED ONLY TWO PHOTOS OF SUBJECT  
RICKETTS AND NONE OTHERS. FORWARD AMASD TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF HARRY  
BEVER AND WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY TO THIS FIELD DIVISION.

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FEBRUARY 17, 1943

SAC, CINCINNATI

Transmit the following message to:  
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ISAAC RAYKAY, WASFUG; SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG; HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG;  
BR; NMVTA; EPP; FEA. ATTEMPT TO VERIFY DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH SUBJECTS  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS. FILE REFLECTS CLARENCE  
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MICE.. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS,  
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WAS FUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, BR, NMVTA, EPXXX EFP, FEA.  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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RBS:LM  
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P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 17, 1943

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al, Fugitives;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Origin: Cincinnati

Dear Sir:

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared without delay, you are advised that on February 13, 1943, (1) a probation violator's warrant was issued by the United States District Court for the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, or (2) the United States Marshal at \_\_\_\_\_ returned "non est" the warrant for the following individual:

NAME AND ALIASES: WILLIAM ISAAC RAKKAY, was: William Radkay, William I. Radkey, William Isaac Radkay, William Rodman, Willie Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Ruebin, Samuel Rowan  
FBI # 911699 Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which wanted): Sec. 753H, Title 18, Federal Escape Act.  
Escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, O., about 6:15 PM, 2-12-43.  
PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here)  
Commissioner's complaint 2-13-43, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DESCRIPTION:**

1-Age: 31  
2-Date of Birth: 9-24-11  
3-Place of birth: Kansas City, Kansas  
4-Height: 5'9"  
5-Weight: 150-165 pounds  
6-Build: Slender  
7-Eyes: Brown  
8-Hair: Dark brown; wavy  
9-Complexion: Medium dark  
10-Color: White  
11-Sex: Male  
12-Nationality: ---  
13-Occupation: Laborer  
14-Marital status: Single  
15-Residence: ---

Scars and marks: 3/4" diagonal cut scar center of forehead; 1" circular scar back of left hand; bad cut scar left palm; 10 buckshot in body, 4 lodged under skin of chest.

Peculiarities: ---

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Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*

A. H. BELMONT

Special Agent in Charge



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P. O. Box 1277  
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Director  
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NAME AND ALIASES: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was: Larry James Dugan, Fred Mathews,  
Harry Beaver

FBI # 2413512

Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which wanted): Sec. 753H, Title 18, Federal Escape Act.

Escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, O., about 6:15 PM, 2-12-43.

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here):  
Commissioner's complaint 2-13-43, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DESCRIPTION:

1-Age: 26  
2-Date of birth: 9-13-16  
3-Place of birth: Millgrove, Missouri  
4-Height: 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
5-Weight: 175 pounds  
6-Build: Stocky  
7-Eyes: Dark green; bushy red eyebrows;  
8-Hair: Light red; wavy  
9-Complexion: Fair  
10-Color: White  
11-Sex: Male  
12-Nationality: American  
13-Occupation: Cook - bellhop  
14-Marital status: Divorced  
15-Residence: Not known

Scars and marks: 1/2" scar, 45° angle, on upper lip to right of nose; left center upper teeth false; one gold crown upper right.

Faculiarities: Wears ruby ring on left ring finger.  
wears rimless glasses

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Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT

Special Agent in Charge



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P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Director  
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United States Department of Justice  
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NAME AND ALIASES: SAMUEL RICKETTS, was: George Mason, Doc Ricketts,  
Bob Roberts, George Roberts, George Thomas, George Wright, Robert Wright

FBI #1486280

Other Identifying #

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PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here):  
Commissioner's complaint 2-13-43, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DESCRIPTION:

Scars and marks: None

1-Age: 28  
2-Date of birth: 12-30-14  
3-Place of birth: Atchison, Kansas  
4-Height: 5'10"  
5-Weight: 145 pounds  
6-Build: Slender  
7-Eyes: Black  
8-Hair: Black  
9-Complexion: Pale  
10-Color: White  
11-Sex: Male  
12-Nationality: American  
13-Occupation: Baker  
14-Marital status: Married  
15-Residence: ---

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Peculiarities: Very nervous,  
smokes cigarettes incessantly



Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*  
A. H. Belmont

Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

900 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

February 19, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: WANTED FLYER, Feb. 15, 1943  
Concerning SAMUEL RICKETTS, et al

It is requested this office be furnished an additional three hundred and seventy-five copies of the above captioned wanted notice.

These additional copies are being requested because of a failure of the Cleveland office to receive sufficient copies to cover the entire mailing list.

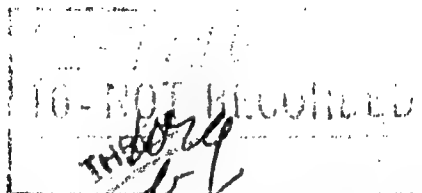
Very truly yours,

*L. V. Boardman*  
L. V. BOARDMAN, SAC



*Ordered 3-2*

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*REB*



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photograph.

February 25, 1943

JR:ESM

REGISTERED MAIL

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SAC, Cincinnati

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RE: HARRY RALPH BEAVER, with aliases  
et al. FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 17, 1943, transmitting seven lifts and three packs of exposed films of latent impressions developed at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as several pages of the "Cincinnati Times-Star", dated February 13, 1943, for latent fingerprint examination in connection with the above-captioned case.

You are advised that the latent impressions appearing on the lifts and in the developed negatives were examined and three latent fingerprints were noted to be of value for comparison purposes. Upon comparison, these three impressions were identified with the right thumb impression of Harry Ralph Beaver, #FBI-2813512. No latent impressions could be developed on the newspaper. The seven lifts and the newspaper are returned herewith.

This report confirms the Bureau's telegraphic communication of February 22, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 35769

Date Recorded: 2-22-43 12:00 Noon

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: HARRY RALPH BEAVER, was, et al  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Number: 76-2296-7

Specimens:

Seven lifts  
Three packs of film - exposed  
Several sheets of the CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR dated Feb. 13, 1943  
submitted for latent fingerprint examination.  
It is requested that all "referenced subjects" in this case  
be compared with the above listed material.

Examination requested by: 2-22-43 dfn

Date received: Cincinnati

Examination requested: Fingerprints

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Robyak

*Lifts & film packs to photo 2/22  
3 latent fpts of value - Q # 1 (2) Harry Ralph  
Beaver FBI 2013512 2/23/43 Verified etc  
Dictated 2/23/43 [signature]*

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943

JIC:EJ

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: HARRY RALPH BEAVER, w.as. et al;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS- BUREAU FILE 76-366

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are seven prints lifted from articles found on February 17, 1943 at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio where HARRY RALPH BEAVER, FBI #2413512, SAMUEL RICKETTS, FBI #1486280, and WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, FBI #911699, are believed to have been hiding.

Also enclosed are three packs of films, the same containing pictures of the above mentioned prints.

It is desired that these photographs be compared with the fingerprints of the above referenced SUBJECTS for possible identification.

Also enclosed are several pages of newspaper found in the above mentioned premises. It is desired that this newspaper be examined for possible latent prints of these SUBJECTS. Chemicals may be used in this examination. It is unnecessary to return the newspaper to this office.

Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT  
SAC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, ST. PAUL

Transmit the following message to:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG; WILLIAM ISAAC RAIKAY, WASFUG; HARVEY  
RALPH BEVER, WASFUG; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG; ARTHUR  
RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG; BR, MMVA, EPP, FEA. REFERENCE REPORT  
 SA KENMIT L. WESTBAY, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, AT ST. PAUL,  
 REFLECTING FILING OF MMVA COMPLAINTS AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS,  
 RAIKAY AND BEVER. ADVISE BY RETURN TELETYPE PLACE WHERE COMPLAINTS  
 FILED AND SPECIFIC ACTS CONSTITUTING VIOLATION. DISCREPANCY  
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CC-CINCINNATI (BY MAIL)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WASFUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS FUG, BR, NMVTA, EFP, FEA. REFERENCE REPORT SA KERMIT L. WESTBAY, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, AT ST. PAUL, REFLECTING FILING OF NMVTA COMPLAINTS AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RADKAY AND BEVER. ADVISE BY RETURN TELETYPE PLACE WHERE COMPLAINTS FILED AND SPECIFIC ACTS CONSTITUTING VIOLATION. DISCREPANCY APPEARS BETWEEN SYNOPSIS AND ~~REDACTED~~ DETAILS OF REPORT. INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ~~REDACTED~~ IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE LO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC BIRMINGHAM

Transmit the following message to:

CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAFU1; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAFUQ; WILLIAM  
ISAAC BARKAT, WAFUQ; SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAFUQ; HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAFUQ;  
BR, MONTA, ESP, FEA. REFERENCE REPORT SA B. W. MCCLELLAN, AUGUST TWENTY-TWO,  
LAST, AT BIRMINGHAM, ENTITLED UNSUBS; VIVIAN WELLS, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, WETA,  
REFLECTING PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS SECURED AT FORT  
MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA. FURNISH COPIES OF SAME TO BUREAU AMASD FOR USE IN  
IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE IO.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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SAC BIRMINGHAM

MICE. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS FUG, SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, BR, NMVTA, EFP, FEA. REFERNXXX REFERENCE REPORT SA B. W. MCCULLAGH, AUGUST TWENTY-TWO, LAST, AT BIRMINGHAM, ENTITLED UNSUBS, VIVIAN WELLS, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, WSTA, REFLECTING PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS SECURED AT FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA. FURNISH COPIES OF SAME TO BUREAU AMASD FOR USE IN IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE IO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, NEW YORK CITY

Transmit the following message to:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WASFUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER,  
WASFUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS FUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG,  
RFP, FEA. RTTEL AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR NYD BROADCAST EIGHT STATE ALARM  
GIVING DESCRIPTION SUBJECTS.

HOOVER

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC NEW YORK CITY  
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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS NUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS FUG, HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, WAS FUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS FUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND  
PARSONS, WAS FUG, EFP, FEA. RETEL AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR NYPD BROADCAST  
LIGHT STATE ALARM GJXXX GIVING DESCRIPTION SUBJECTS.

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| Mr. Nease.....      |
| Miss Gandy.....     |

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ICE. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS, HARRY RALPH  
LEAVER, WAS, CLARENCE ALBERT PASSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ARTHUR RAYMOND PAR-  
SONS, FUGITIVE, E.F.P, F.E.A. RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND  
ACS THIRTEENTH INSTANT. BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE NYPD BROADCAST  
LIGHT STATE ALARM GIVING DESCRIPTION INSTANT SUBJECTS. ADVISE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

JAR:HCW

Director, FBI

Att: Technical Laboratory

Re: HARRY BEVER, was., FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM RATKAY, was., FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT, and  
ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Dear Sir:

There is being submitted under separate cover, eight latent lifted prints, together with three film packs, which were also developed from latent prints found in two automobiles which were used by captioned subjects in effecting their get-away after escape.

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Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*

A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

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MAR 13 1943

February 26, 1943

JR:DMG

REGISTERED MAIL

RECORDED 76-9296-3

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: HARRY BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETS, with aliases  
FUGITIVE; WILLIAM RATKAY, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ARTHUR PARSONS  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; CLARENCE  
PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT AND ESCAPED  
FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 15,  
1943, transmitting three packs of exposed film and eight  
lifts of latent impressions for examination in connection  
with the above-entitled case.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's tele-  
graphic communication of February 24, 1943, you are advised  
that the latent impressions were examined and only latent  
fingerprint appearing on the lift marked "Chevrolet Sedan,  
Motor #A2955097, Ohio License #47-SIF", was noted to be of  
value for comparison purposes. Upon comparison, this  
print was identified with the right middle finger impression  
of Harry Ralph Bever, who is #781-2413512. The eight lifts  
are returned herewith.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

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| Mr. McGuire    | COMMUNICATIONS SECTION |
| Mr. Mumford    | MAILED 9               |
| Mr. Piper      | FEB 27 1943 P.M.       |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm |                        |
| Mr. Nease      |                        |
| Miss Gandy     |                        |

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 35645

Date Recorded: 2-19-43 2:00 P. M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: HARRY BEVER, was., FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM RATKAY, was., FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
Specimens: CLARENCE PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT and ESCAPE  
FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Number: 76-9296-3

Three Kodak film packs.

Eight lifts of latent impressions.

It is requested that the fingerprints of the following named suspects  
be compared with the latents in connection with this case:

HARRY BEVER, #FBI-2413512

SAMUEL RICKETTS, #FBI-1486280

WILLIAM RATKAY, #FBI-911699

ARTHUR PARSONS, #FBI-1759011

CLARENCE PARSONS, #FBI-2135406.

Examination requested by: Cincinnati

Date received: 2-19-43 ah

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Robyak

*Lefts + flows for later to photo 2/19*  
*Latent prints 2/19*  
*12 to 14 prints of value - #3 Harry Ralph Bever 2/24*  
*2413512*  
*Verified & w/*  
*2 thumb impressions left marked 'John Leland, number # 4475397*  
*Also file # 47-54*  
*Dictated 2/26/43 jmc*

ENCLOSURE

76-9296-3

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

JAR:HCW

Director, FBI

Attn: Technical Laboratory

Re: HARRY BEVER, was., FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE  
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Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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| Mr. Tolson     |  |
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| Mr. Gurnea     |  |
| Mr. Harbo      |  |
| Mr. Hendon     |  |
| Mr. Jones      |  |
| Mr. Mumford    |  |
| Mr. Quinn      |  |
| Mr. Nease      |  |
| Miss Gandy     |  |

*Rosen*

*West*

FBI ST PAUL 2-15-43 7-59PM PN

DIRECTOR  
MICE. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RAKKXK RADKAY, WASFUG,  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAY-  
MOND PARSONS, WASFUG, BR, NMVTA, EFF, FEA. FEDERAL COMXK COMPLAINT  
FILED ST. PAUL JXXX ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST YEAR.  
WARRANT ISSUED AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RADKAY, AND BEVER CHARGING  
VIOLATION NMVTA IN THAT ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER NINE LAST YEAR THEY UN-  
LAWFULLY TRANXK TRANSPORTED PLYMOUTH COACH MOTOR P ONE TWO DASH 12,281,252  
TWO EIGHT ONE SEVEN FIVE TWO, THE PROPERTY OF WILBERT ROSENTHALL OF  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE, FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA,  
TO LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, EACH OF THEM KNOWING AT TIME OF TRANSPORTATION  
THIS CAR TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN. THIS NMVTA WARRANT FOR THESE THREE IS  
STILL ALIVE AND WAS NOT SERVED DUE TO FACT THEY WERE TAKEN INTO FEDERAL  
CUSTODY AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ON FUGITIVE WARRANT CHARGING BR AT  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND WERE REMOVED BY USM TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, ON BR  
CHARGE. USXK USA ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, DOES NOT INTEND TO DISMISS  
THIS NMVTA WARRANT AT PRESENT WHILE THESE THREE SUBJECTS ARE AT LARGE.

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9-05 PM OK FBI WASH DC RSG

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Escape of 5 prisoners from Hamilton  
County, Ohio, Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Between 5:00 and 6:15 P.M., February 12, 1943, Samuel Rickets, William Isaac Radkay, Harry Ralph Bever, Clarence Albert Parsons, and Arthur Raymond Parsons, all of whom were Federal prisoners, escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Three were being detained for robbery of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the facts concerning this robbery were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 10, 1943. The subjects were being detained in default of bond.

The remaining two of the five recently received a sentence of 75 years each at Cincinnati for kidnaping and were awaiting removal to a Federal penitentiary.

The details with reference to the escape and information concerning the offenses and activities of the escapes is attached hereto. The entire area has been covered by police broadcasts since the escape. We are actively conducting an inquiry inasmuch as all of the escapees were being held on Federal charges within our primary jurisdiction. The Hamilton County Jail is an approved Federal jail. Process will be issued against all five for the escape.

A memorandum is being prepared advising James Bennett of the details of the escape.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen

Attachment

A wanted circular is being prepared containing the photographs of all five subjects. It will be out late tonight.

D.M.L.

Mr. A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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Time of call - 7:45 PM  
Dictated 8:45 PM

February 12, 1943

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, was;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was;  
HARRY RALPH REVER, was;  
(ALDENALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL  
BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, 10-31-42)  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was; FUG  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was; FUG  
VICTIM - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING, WSTA  
FEDERAL ESCAPE Act, E.F.P.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At the above time SAC Belmont of the Cincinnati office called and stated that subjects Samuel Ricketts, William Isaac Radkay, Harry Ralph Rever, Clarence Albert Parsons and Arthur Raymond Parsons, all of whom were federal prisoners, escaped from the Hamilton County, Ohio Jail, which is located at Cincinnati, between 6:00 and 6:15 PM tonight. SAC Belmont advised that subjects Ricketts, Radkay and Rever were recently apprehended in the state of Minnesota and were returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, by the U.S. Marshal and detained at the above mentioned jail in connection with the robbery of the Aldendale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942. It was further stated that the facts in connection with the robbery of the bank by these three subjects were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati, Ohio on February 10, 1943, and that such subjects were being detained in default of bond. It was remarked that all three of these individuals are from Kansas City, Missouri.

With reference to Clarence Albert Parsons and Arthur Raymond Parsons, SAC Belmont related that they had recently received a sentence of 7 years each at Cincinnati with reference to a violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statutes and were awaiting removal to a Federal penitentiary. It was further indicated that these two subjects who are brothers had subsequently appealed their cases, but that no conclusion has been reached yet with respect to same.

The five prisoners already mentioned and three others, according to SAC Belmont, were in the kitchen alongside of the south cell block of the Hamilton County Jail when they apparently blocked the drain pipe, which flooded the kitchen and the south cell block of the jail. The prisoners then yelled for rags and other implements to clean up the water. A guard obtained equipment and took it to them. However, upon opening the door, the convicts overpowered the guard. This guard was not injured and the convicts then proceeded to the north cell block and overpowered the guard, and



after which they went to the entrance gate to the cell block proper where they assaulted Guard Danny Smith, who was later removed to the General Hospital, the extent of his injuries not being known at the present time. After slugging him the prisoners secured his keys and went upstairs and locked the prison matron in so that she could not turn in the alarm. They then went by elevator to the fourth floor where they proceeded through the building, tryin' to find a way out. They encountered a building guard and asked him how to get out of the building. He asked what they were doing, whereupon they slugged the guard and went down to the first floor where they jumped through a window landing on top of an engineer garage.

Between 6:00 and 6:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Leslie S. Mann, 2101 Lawn Avenue, Norwood, Ohio, were driving their 1935 Ford, four-door sedan, 1942 Ohio license No. 7409A and were stopped at a red light at Faraday and Main Streets, which is in the immediate vicinity of the jail. Mr. and Mrs. Mann started across the street on the green light, when three men ran out in front of the car. One of them came in a door opposite to the driver and ordered Mr. and Mrs. Mann out of the car. Three other individuals then got into the car. However, Mr. and Mrs. Mann were not certain whether there were four or five individuals in the group. The gas tank of the automobile was almost empty and the car was believed to have been seen about 7:00 PM on Reading Road at Forest Avenue according to information reported to the Cincinnati Police Department.

It is not believed that the escaped prisoners have any weapons and there are no indications that assistance was rendered them in any way. According to Mr. and Mrs. Mann the No. 1 man was wearing grey trousers, a tan leather jacket, had red curly hair and no hat. This man may be a subject over. The No. 2 individual was wearing grey trousers and shirt, light hat, was about 5' 11", weighed 115 lbs., and possibly is subject Dickins. The No. 3 man was wearing a brown suit, no hat, had blond hair, was approximately 5' 10" and weighed 145 lbs. The fourth individual was on a black suit coat, light pants, old shoes, had black hair, an adhesive patch on his nose, wearing grey hat and was sleeping. This may have been subject McKay.

Although only two escaped from the jail, Mr. Belmont stated that Federal prisoners Forest Barford, Hughes and Marino, who were respectively being held on National Stolen Property Act and Bank Robbery violations, and one Tony Grant, who has been sentenced in the state courts to die in connection with murder charges, were present at the time the prison break was first started. However, Hughes, Marino and Grant apparently made no effort whatsoever to escape and are still in custody at the jail.

Mr. Belmont has given a complete description of the five escaped prisoners to the Cincinnati Police Department and Ohio State Police in order that broadcasts could be made. Such broadcasts have been made by the local authorities, and law enforcement officers throughout that vicinity were requested to be on the outlook for any automobile larcenies, as the prisoners may possibly discard the present automobile in view of the shortage of gasoline. Mr. Belmont has also sent two agents who are acquainted with the background of these cases to interview subjects Hughes and Marino in the belief that they may know of the scheme to escape and possibly where the prisoners may now be hidden. It was also indicated that the State Police have placed covers on all roads leading out of Cincinnati. Inasmuch as the Parsons brothers are acquainted with the city of Cincinnati, it was believed by Mr. Belmont that the prisoners could not separate at least until they were out of the city.

Mr. Belmont also stated that the U.S. Attorney would be contacted the first thing in the morning for the purpose of having process issued for these prisoners. Mr. Belmont will also ascertain the exact status of the prosecutive proceedings against these individuals.

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. Belmont was desirous of knowing whether the Bureau wanted to furnish the surrounding Field Divisions, as well as the Kansas City office, where subjects Ricketts, Radkay and Bever live, with the pertinent facts of the escape. Mr. Belmont was advised that such offices should be appropriately notified by the Cincinnati office direct, unless subsequently advised to the contrary. In accordance with your desires, Mr. Belmont was not advised to the contrary and will notify the interested Field Divisions.

Bureau File 91-3481 entitled first caption of this memorandum reveals that subjects Ricketts, Radkay and Bever were apprehended on November 23, 1942, by the Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota Police Departments as a result of a soldier being shot in a cafe at Minneapolis, Minnesota. These individuals orally indicated that they were responsible for the robbery of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio on October 31, 1942, as well as the theft and interstate transportation of a Plymouth automobile. Numerous bills that were stolen from the bank mentioned herein were recovered in possession of these subjects. \$1,648.44 was recovered, \$7,384 being the total amount of the loot originally taken from the bank. As a result of a complaint filed, at Cincinnati, Ohio on November 30, 1942, these three subjects were removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they were later identified both singularly and collectively by employees of the bank. Subject Bever has stated he will plead guilty to charges of violating the Bank Robbery Statutes in connection with this case if either Radkay or Ricketts so plead. Subject Ricketts has stated he will plead guilty if the other two take such action. Subject Radkay has stated that he will "stand pat." Bond for these individuals was recommended at \$15,000 each, and in default of same they were remanded to the jail from which they escaped.

Bureau File 7-3726, which is entitled as the second caption of this memorandum, indicates that subjects Clarence and Arthur Parsons kidnaped victim Vivian Wells, a 15 year old girl, at Aberdeen, Ohio on August 9, 1942, and was subsequently transported to Lexington, Kentucky. Enroute to the latter city, Miss Wells was originally assaulted on two different occasions by these subjects. These brothers have been identified by the victim and a printer and were apprehended by Bureau agents at Cincinnati, Ohio on August 31, 1942. These individuals also tied the owner of an automobile to a tree at Milford, Ohio and stole the automobile, such crime being committed at pistol point. At the time of their apprehension these subjects remained mute and pretended to be insane. On October 15, 1942, an indictment charging them with violating Section 435-A, Title 18 of the United States Code was returned by the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Cincinnati, Ohio. Bond was set at \$2,500 each and upon arraignment of November 5, 1942, they entered the plea of not guilty. On November 23, 1942, a Federal Jury sitting at Cincinnati, Ohio, found subjects Parsons guilty, and on the same date they were sentenced to serve 7 1/2 years each in the custody of the Attorney General. These individuals formerly resided at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Respectfully,

*H. Benis Lawrence*

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## Soldier Shot by Bandit Sues Happy Hour for \$15,000

A Fort Snelling soldier who was wounded in the Happy Hour cafe Nov. 23, 1942, during a washroom argument today filed suit in district court for \$15,000 against the tavern.

Sergeant Harold Bartholomew, 34, a cook on duty at the fort, was shot by Harry Ralph Beaver, who later was arrested and sentenced to 30 years in a federal prison for a Cincinnati bank robbery.

Beaver and two other gangsters were apprehended by FBI agents last July. They escaped and later were arrested after a nation-wide search.

Bartholomew, who filed his action against the Ramona Bar & Cafe Co., Inc., maintained the operators of the Happy Hour violated a city ordinance by selling liquor to Beaver, who already was intoxicated.

The bullet wound in his neck

caused permanent injury to his face and neck nerves, Bartholomew said in his complaint.

The soldier was shot during an argument with Beaver. Bartholomew told police Beaver had dropped a gun on the floor and told Bartholomew he (Beaver) was tough. When the soldier asked why he wasn't in the army if he was so tough, Beaver picked up the gun and shot Bartholomew.

Officials of the Ramona bar corporation, operators of the Happy Hour, are Mildred A. Percansky, secretary-treasurer and holder of 98 shares of stock; Harry A. Traub, vice president and holder of one share, and Ted Cook, president, and also holder of one share of stock.

The company was organized on the basis of 100 shares of stock valued at \$100 each.

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# THE BEVER KIDNAP LINK

CAPTURED GUNMAN IS NAMED IN  
LINDBERGH ACT CHARGE.

Federal Authorities Will Seek His  
Return Here From Ama-  
rillo, Tex., to Face  
Trial.

Trouble piled up today for Harry  
Ralph Bever, gunman sought by the  
FBI for months following capture  
of two of his companions here, and  
arrested yesterday at Amarillo, Tex.,  
by chance while police and FBI  
agents were seeking a slayer.

With Bever safely in the Amarillo  
jail, Maurice M. Milligan, United  
States district attorney, today filed  
kidnaping charges against him un-  
der the Lindbergh act and will at-  
tempt his return to Kansas City for  
trial.

The charge is that November 5,  
1942, Bever kidnaped Lawrence Wil-  
liam King, owner of a taxicab serv-  
ice at Excelsior Springs, Mo. It is  
alleged Bever stopped King's cab at  
Sixth street and Grand avenue, took  
over the steering wheel and drove  
to the outskirts of Kansas City,  
Kansas, where he left the cab.

The interstate feature makes pos-  
sible prosecution under the Lind-  
bergh act, Milligan said. Since King  
was not harmed, Milligan said, the  
maximum penalty if Bever were con-  
victed would be life imprisonment.

Although arrested in a general  
roundup of suspected persons at  
Amarillo following a murder, Bever  
is held there under a charge of rob-  
bing a Cincinnati, O., bank. When  
taken by police and told he was sus-  
pected of murder, Bever is described  
as having pointed to a poster bearing  
his picture and showing he was  
sought in the Cincinnati case.

"I'm no murderer; there, that  
poster shows what I'm wanted for,"  
Bever is quoted as saying.

Bever and the two companions ar-  
rested here last March, Isaac Radkey  
and Samuel Ricketts, were objects  
of a wide FBI search in connection  
with the armed robbery of a Cincin-  
nati bank November 23, 1942. Bever  
was sought also on the charge of  
wantonly shooting and dangerously  
injuring a soldier in a Cincinnati  
tavern following the bank robbery.

Milligan said today it would be  
up to the attorney general of the  
United States to determine where  
and for what crime Bever would be  
tried first. He said he believed the  
kidnaping charge filed today offered  
best prospects of a long prison term.

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*Evening Star*  
*July 24, 1943*

## Bank Robber Seized In Murder Roundup

(From Yesterday's Late Editions.)  
 By the Associated Press.

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Bever, a cook by profession, has not been connected with the Wood slaying.

When police brought Bever in and questioned him, he pointed to a circular on the police bulletin board and said:

"That's what I'm wanted for."

On the bulletin board were Bever's picture, his fingerprints and his criminal record.

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*July 23*

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Since March Gun Duel

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## Parsons Brothers Indicted in Jail Break

Three Sealed True Bills Re-  
turned by U. S. Grand Jury.

The Federal grand jury in its re-  
port Friday to U. S. District Judge  
returned 38 indictments, three of  
which were sealed. Arraignment of  
the defendants will be next Thursday.

Clarence Parsons, 23, and Arthur  
Parsons, 24, formerly of North Bend,  
O., who were sentenced Nov. 23, 1942,  
to 75 years, each, for kidnaping, were  
named in indictments charging es-  
cape from the Hamilton county jail  
Feb. 12, and also on the charge of  
violating the National Motor Ve-  
hicle Theft Act.

The charge against Samuel Rick-  
etts, 28; William Isaac Radkay, 31,  
and Harry Ralph Bever, who escaped  
with the Parsons, will not be pre-  
sented until Bever is apprehended.

The automobile theft charge  
against the Parsons grew out of the  
taking of the machine of E. W. Tro-  
baugh, salesman, Lancaster, O., near  
Owensville, O., July 6, 1942.

U. S. Attorney Calvin Crawford  
said that the machine was used in  
the kidnaping of the 15-year-old  
Manchester (O.) girl for which they  
received 75 years. The Parsons now  
are in the Milan (Mich.) Federal  
Penitentiary, pending hearing on  
their appeal to the Sixth U. S. Cir-  
cuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati.

Crawford said that the Parsons  
brothers "pulled a gun on Trobaugh  
and tied him to a tree." He added  
that they deliberated as to whether  
they should kill the salesman, and  
then stole his automobile, money,  
clothes, checks and a radio.

Everett Mitchell, 33, and his wife,  
Florence, 36, both of Main Street,  
Addyston, O., and Nicholas Isocco, 1

25, 109 Second Street, Addyston,  
were indicted for harboring Clarence  
Parsons after he escaped from  
county jail.

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## Pictures in Paper Catch Bank Robbers

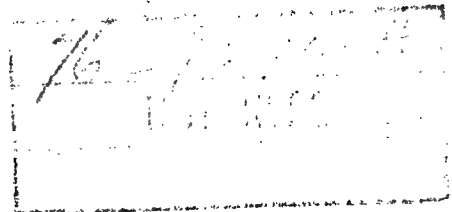
KANSAS CITY, March 8—The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which ordinarily shies away from the newspapers when on a manhunt, turned to the Kansas City Star recently and got results.

Two of the nation's top-ranking criminals, William Isaac Raskay, 31, and Samuel Ricketts, 28, both wanted for a Cincinnati, O., bank robbery, were caught a few hours after their pictures and a description of their criminal background had been printed in the Star.

Dwight Brantley, FBI special agent in charge at Kansas City, said the arrests were made on leads supplied by readers of the Star.

Soon after the story appeared that the two along with another desperado, Ralph Bever, were believed to be in hiding here, the FBI's telephone began to ring with calls from persons who believed they had seen men answering to their description.

The day before the arrests Brantley called Roy Roberts, managing editor of the Star, and solicited the newspaper's help in the manhunt.



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# Jail Breakers Plead Innocent To Charges of Bank Robbery

## One Fugitive Still at Large

Two of the three suspected bank robbers who escaped last month from county jail, William L. Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, pleaded innocent Tuesday when arraigned in U. S. District Court on charges of bank robbery and auto theft. They were ordered to stand trial March 16.

G-men still are hunting Harry Bever, 26, the third man, charged with Radkay and Ricketts with having robbed the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October.

Deputy U. S. marshals prepared to take the two men from the court after their pleas to the bank robbery and auto stealing had been received.

"Handcuff them first," Judge John H. Druffel ordered. "Take no chances."

Described by the Federal Bureau of Investigation following the jailbreak as "two of the most dangerous criminals at large," Radkay, 31, and Ricketts, 29, were recaptured recently in Kansas City, Mo.

Their escape from county jail resulted in a probe, after which the Federal Prisons Bureau removed the jail from its approved list and ordered federal prisoners confined in the city Workhouse.

The local FBI office announced before arraignment of Radkay and Ricketts that G-men in Louisville had recovered the auto of Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 3533 Larkspur avenue, Hyde Park, who was kidnapped outside Bethesda Hospital a few days after the jail break in which five men escaped.

The auto was found in a private garage where, it is believed, the three bank robbers placed it after a nation-wide alarm by the FBI.

Kansas City G-men found another auto, stolen in Louisville, after a man answering the description of one of the trio was treated at a hospital there for injuries he is believed to have received when he jumped from a window of the Hamilton County Courthouse.

The auto stolen in Louisville, the FBI office said, was the one abandoned in Kansas City when Ricketts, Radkay and Bever evaded a road block set for them by G-men who fired at the trio.

### Others Arraigned

About 50 persons were arraigned, including Forrest Bedford Hughes, 49, charged with operating a securities racket involving manufacture of fraudulent checks.



U. S. Marshal Charles E. Sisson (left) leads William Radkay (center) and Samuel Ricketts (right) from federal courtroom after their arraignment.

The scheme netted him \$20,000, G-men said.

Hughes pleaded innocent and March 16 was set for his trial.

Frank Vessely, 32, of 2050 D street, and Berlin Howard, 35, of 638 Laurel avenue, both of Hamilton, operators of the Butler Packing Co., pleaded innocent to violation of Office of Price Administration regulations covering delivery of beef. Their trial will begin March 25.

### Plead Innocent

Gordon Howell, 2902 Mapleleaf avenue, and Simon Condisar, 921 Walnut street, charged with evading the floor tax on liquor, also pleaded innocent. Their trial will begin March 26.

A report from the probation department was requested on Thomas P. Byrnes Jr., 18, of 49 Baker street, St. Bernard, who pleaded guilty to stealing from the mails. James H. Cleveland, his counsel, former chief assistant U. S. attorney, said his client

was scheduled to be graduated from high school in June and to enter the Army.

Pleading guilty to sending obscene letters through the mail, Charles H. Hughes, 2822 Lawn-dale avenue, Norwood, also was referred to the probation department.

### Must Stand Trial

John Vincent Conforti, 1319 Elm street, charged with having failed to register as an alien, was ordered to stand trial March 16. Theodore F. Otten, 4400 Glenway avenue, charged with falsely representing himself as a citizen, was held for trial March 19.

Sentence of a year and a day in the reformatory was imposed on Robert L. Smith, 18, of 117 W. Eighth street, charged with stealing from the mail.

Herbert Kolb, 24, and Paul Kolb, 26, brothers, who claim to be ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses, pleaded innocent to the charge of failure to report for Army induction and received permission to argue their own cases before a jury March 22.

THE CINCINNATI POST

CINCINNATI, OHIO

MARCH 3, 1943

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THE ENQUIRER  
CINCINNATI, OHIO  
MARCH 8, 1943

## TWO ARE RECAPTURED



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

William Isaac Radkay, left, and Samuel Ricketts, two of five prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail February 12, waived hearings on fugitive warrants in Kansas City, Mo., yesterday following their capture by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and Kansas City police. The two, accused of participation in the robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank October 31, are to be returned to Cincinnati.

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THE CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR

CINCINNATI, OHIO

MARCH 2, 1943

# ARREST BANK ROBBER WHO BROKE JAIL HERE

William Radkay and Sam  
Ricketts Held in Kansas City.

FBI CLOSES IN

Follow Trail of Harry Bever,  
Last of Fugitives.



William Radkay



Sam Ricketts

Two more of the Hamilton County jail-break fugitives, regarded among the most dangerous criminals in the country, fell into the FBI dragnet at Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday.

L. A. Obenshain, acting FBI agent in charge here, was notified that William I. Radkay, 31, and Samuel Ricketts, 28, were arrested and that the Kansas City FBI men were hot on the trail of Harry R. Bever, 26.

Radkay, according to the report, was recognized by two FBI agents on the street in Kansas City Monday night. When taken into custody, he was unarmed.

Ricketts was arrested Tuesday at 8:30 a. m. in a Kansas City rooming house by police and FBI men there, Obenshain learned.

## TO SEND WARRANTS

Obenshain said that warrants charging Ricketts and Radkay with escape from the jail would be forwarded to Kansas City. The defendants then will be arraigned before the U. S. commissioner there on fugitive warrants. If they waive examination, they will be returned to Cincinnati immediately, it was said. Otherwise they will be given a hearing before the commissioner. If they are returned to Cincinnati in time they probably will be arraigned next Tuesday.

All three, since their escape from the county jail, Feb. 12, with Clarence and Arthur Parsons, convicted kidnapers later apprehended in Delhi had been objects of a nationwide search. For several days after the break they hid out in an unoccupied Walnut Hills house.

On Feb. 15, they kidnapped Dr. Cloyd Wilson, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, from a parking lot at Bethesda Hospital and after tying him up in their hideout, fled the city in his automobile.

On several occasions since they had been reported in the vicinity of Kansas City where they eluded traps set for them, outdistancing their pursuers in blazing gun battles.

## PUBLICITY AIDS

Obenshain said that apparently publicity given by Kansas City papers "smoked out" the men from their hideout there. He added that the publicity "broke them up and started them circulating."

Ricketts, Radkay and Bever last Tuesday were indicted by the Federal grand jury at Cincinnati for the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale branch, Oct. 31, 1942, in which more than \$8,000 was obtained. They also were named in a true bill charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

All five probably will be indicted for jail break, it was said.

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# FBI GETS TWO GANGSTERS

William Radkay, Leader of Desperate Criminal Band,  
and Samuel Ricketts Captured Here With-  
out Any Gunplay or Resistance.

## SEEK THIRD MAN

Ralph Bever, Last of the Mob,  
Still Is Believed Hiding  
in Kansas City.

## GIVES CREDIT TO THE STAR

Dwight Brantley, Chief Here,  
Says Telephone "Tips" Came  
In From Readers.

An All-Night Search by Agents  
and Policemen for One  
of Desperadoes.

## BOTH ARE TAKEN EASILY

One Arrested Near Linwood and  
Troost, Another at 721  
West Eleventh.

Two of the nation's top-  
ranking criminals, sought  
here by the government  
and police since they  
eluded arrest in a gun bat-  
tle last Friday, were cap-  
tured by FBI agents last  
night and early today  
without resistance.

William Isaac Radkay was  
picked up on Troost avenue  
about 5:30 o'clock yesterday  
afternoon by two special  
agents, and Samuel Ricketts  
was captured about 5:45  
o'clock this morning cower-  
ing behind a basement door  
in a rooming house.

Ralph Bever, the third mem-  
ber of the mob, eluded the net  
set for them and is being  
sought in an intensive man-  
hunt.

### An Aid in the Capture.

Dwight Brantley, FBI special  
agent in charge, said the arrests  
were made on leads supplied by  
readers of The Star, following pub-  
lication yesterday of photographs of  
the bandits and the story of their  
criminal exploits.

The hoodlums are described by  
Brantley as the most vicious and  
dangerous criminals in the nation,  
rating with such desperadoes as the  
former Touhy gang, the Dillinger  
mob and the Barker-Karpis outfit  
which once spread terror.

Bever, the bandit still eluding  
capture, will continue as a threat  
to the community until he is a  
prisoner, agents said. He is de-  
scribed as a cold-blooded, heartless  
criminal. He is the gunman who,  
when taunted by a soldier because  
he was not in uniform, shot the  
soldier through the head. Brantley  
asked today for further co-opera-  
tion by citizens with information  
that may disclose Bever's hiding  
place.

Soon after The Star appeared on  
the streets last night with the pic-  
tures of the three desperadoes and  
the story of their being "holed up"  
here, the FBI office began to re-  
ceive telephone calls from persons  
who believed they had seen men an-  
swering to the descriptions given.

### On an Anonymous "Tip."

Among the first was from a person  
who said:

"I think the men are at 1106 East  
Thirty-third street."

The person gave no name and im-  
mediately broke the connection.  
Within a few minutes two motor  
cars carrying FBI agents were ap-  
proaching the Amidor hotel at the  
address given.

Meanwhile, two other agents who  
were in the neighborhood on the  
city-wide search for the gangsters  
recognized and took Radkay on the  
street.

These agents, who had studied and  
memorized the features of the three  
convicts, were walking south on the  
east side of Troost avenue between  
Linwood boulevard and Thirty-third  
street. They passed Radkay going  
in the opposite direction.

"That's our man," one of the agents  
said, and the two whirled and pinned  
Radkay's arms behind him, taking  
him by complete surprise. The des-  
perado was handcuffed and taken to  
the car of the agents near by and  
then to the office of the FBI on the  
seventh floor of the United States  
courthouse.

Radkay was unarmed and was be-  
lieved to be fleeing from his quar-  
ters at the nearby hotel after hav-  
ing seen his own photograph on the  
first page of The Star. Agents  
learned later he had bought a copy  
of the newspaper a short time before  
he was captured.

### No Letup on Calls.

The calls continued to reach FBI  
headquarters through the night,  
Brantley said, and between 5 and  
6 o'clock this morning another tip  
produced results. It was to the ef-  
fect that two of the bandits could  
be found at a rooming house at 721  
West Eleventh street.

Four FBI agents in one car and  
four patrolmen in another went  
quietly to the West Eleventh street  
address and were admitted by the  
manager. Room by room, the place  
was searched. Lodgers were routed  
out and questioned, but the men  
sought were not there.

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Officers remained outside to see that no one slipped away.

When all the remainder of the building had been covered, the agents went to the basement searching for hiding places. Near the coal bin an officer closed a door that had been standing open, and behind it, cowering and knees shaking, was Ricketts. He offered no resistance. His hands went up when the moving door revealed him. Brantley, who was present, said:

#### His Comment Brief.

"Well, you've got me," he said, and that was his only spoken word immediately following his capture.

In moving on Ricketts's hideout, the FBI verified the fact he was at the address through a taxicab driver.

At 5:25 o'clock this morning a Yellow cab was called to the Eleventh street address. The driver, Fred Jewett, picked up a man at the entrance.

"I was to get another man here," the passenger said, "but I don't see him. Drive around the block and maybe we can spot him." The round trip was made without finding the other man. "Well, I guess someone else picked him up this morning," said the man as he discharged the taxi and returned to the rooming house.

#### Recognizes the Convict.

Back at his starting point Jewett was met by an FBI agent, who questioned him about the call, showing him a picture of one of the bandits. Jewett recognized Ricketts as the passenger.

Incidentally, Jewett said he has known Bever, the third member of the gang, for several years; that he used to be a hotel porter here.

"When sober, Bever is the mildest kind of a man," Jewett said, "but with a few drinks inside he goes clean crazy."

Agents investigating at the Amidor hotel said they learned the three

bandits registered there at 12:25 o'clock last Thursday morning. It was Friday night that the bandits shot it out with FBI agents and police in the 1800 block on Pendleton avenue. It was believed that after their escape they went immediately to the hotel, whereas officers, for a time, assumed they had left the city.

The Amidor is a small hotel, occupying two floors above a drug store and shops at the northeast corner of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. The entrance is on Thirty-third street. A small lobby with a few chairs is on the ground floor. The desk is at the head of the stairs. The hotel is occupied mostly by war workers, Mrs. Maude Daly, manager, said.

Following Radkay's capture, police and FBI agents threw a guard over the whole neighborhood of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. Men still were on duty there today.

#### No Money, No Baggage.

Search of the quarters the gangsters occupied indicated they had no baggage. Agents found only some shaving creams and a safety razor.

Brantley said the men had little

money and he believed they were handicapped by their comments by a lack of funds. It was evident, he said, they were dressed to appear as war workers, wearing leather jackets and dark trousers. They left no clothing in their quarters and neither man captured appeared to possess extra clothing.

Brantley said he learned Radkay had gone out to purchase a copy of The Star yesterday afternoon, then returned to his room. It was believed the men, seeing the "bear was on," had left the hotel one at a time. Radkay apparently was the last to leave.

#### In Chains and Handcuffs.

After questioning, the captured men were charged as fugitives from the Cincinnati bank robbery. Then, chained and handcuffed, they were taken before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, for arraignment. Both men waived a removal hearing and were ordered to the Jackson County jail under \$50,000 bonds each.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, said Radkay and Ricketts would be returned to Cincinnati "at a day and time not to be disclosed." Agents of the FBI said both prisoners had boasted previously they could "break out of any jail."

The action, filed by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, was based upon a complaint now pending against Radkay, Ricketts and Bever at Cincinnati, charging them with the bank robbery and escaping from the Hamilton County jail there.

Brantley and Dillingham took no chances when Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the FBI headquarters, off the seventh floor, to the marshal's office, two floors below. The hands of each prisoner were handcuffed and chained. As Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the fingerprinting room of the marshal's office to Thompson's courtroom, safety belts were adjusted around the waist of each, with the handcuffs and chains clamped to steel rings on the belt. The men were unable to raise their arms over a few inches.

#### Give Data to FBI.

Radkay gave his age as his fingerprint card as 31, and his address as 250 North Fifth street, Kansas City, Kansas. He is slender, weighing 160 pounds, and standing 5 feet 9 inches tall. His complexion is fair. He signed the card as "William Isaac Radkay."

Ricketts gave his home address as 3023 Montgall avenue, and his age as 28. He also is slender. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds and has brown hair.

Radkay and Ricketts appeared in court in the same clothing they wore when captured. Radkay had on a combination leather and felt jacket and wore blue trousers. He had no hat. The latter wore a new leather jacket and striped work trousers similar to those worn by factory and war workers. Ricketts's hat was of a light green shade.

When Thompson asked each how they pleaded to the complaint, both Radkay and Ricketts answered with a "Not guilty." In answer to Thompson's question whether they desired a hearing or would waive it, both spoke up at the same time, saying: "We waive a hearing."

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### THREE BAD MEN OF CRIME.

Deserters, Auto-Lung Police Records in This Area.

A trail of criminal activities involving the three men extends back more than a decade in police and prison records.

William Radkay was a parolee from the Missouri penitentiary. He has a long list of arrests in both Kansas City. Almost every entry charges him with highway robbery. In 1935 he was shot by police with a riot gun following the daylight hold-up of the Woodstock-Hoelter Jewelry company. The loot was valued at \$3,000. He was sentenced to the Missouri prison and was paroled in 1940. After his capture in 1935 he escaped from the General hospital and was caught again when he attempted to hold up a filling station at Topeka.

Radkay in 1931 called himself the "Little Al Capone." That was his boast when he was arrested in the holdup of the Leader Clothing company while thirty shoppers looked on. FBI officials said Radkay had been wounded at least eight times during his captures for various crimes. He boasted he was the leader of a gang of young Kansas City hoodlums more than ten years ago and made his start as a bootlegger.

Ralph Bever is an army deserter. He admitted shooting an army corporal in a Minneapolis bar last November, according to Minneapolis police. He was in possession of a stolen motor car with a set of licenses from eight states when arrested by police in the Minnesota city. The army corporal is expected to recover. Bever gave police two Kansas City addresses, 3028 Walnut street, and 115 East Thirty-third street.

Samuel Ricketta, who claimed Minneapolis as his home, apparently teamed up with Bever and Radkay some months ago. Last August the police here were asked by the Niagara Falls, N. Y., department to check on Missouri license plates used on a car in the holdup of a tavern there. The plates were issued to Ricketta and pictures of the three men were identified by the victims of the Niagara Falls tavern robbery.

Similar hold-ups followed in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Milwaukee with three men participating.

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OBJECT OF A CONTINUING KANSAS CITY MANHUNT. RALPH BEVER. SHOWN IN AN FBI IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPH. THE NOTATIONS CONTAINING DESCRIPTIVE DETAIL WERE WRITTEN BY FEDERAL AGENTS. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

#### Brantley Praises the Police.

The assistance given by the Kansas City police department in the man hunt which resulted in the capture of two desperate criminals here late yesterday and early today was appreciated highly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to Dwight Brantley, special FBI agent in charge here.

"The police department was in the hunt from the start and stayed in it with all its resources," Brantley said. "Their co-operation in this case, as in all others, was of great value to the Bureau of Investigation."

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**MANACLED AND COWED**, two prisoners, William Isaac Radkay (left) and Samuel Ricketts, are shown when they were arraigned before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, at the federal building today. A heavy leather belt (visible on Radkay) around the waist of each man is linked to steel handcuffs by chains, permitting only limited movement of the criminals' hands. Radkay, the leader of the gang broken up here by the FBI, was dressed in a leather-paneled felt jacket, bright plaid shirt without tie, and gray trousers. He was hatless when captured. Ricketts wore an all-leather jacket, conventional shirt and tie and carried a gray felt hat. Both pleaded not guilty and each was held under \$50,000 bond for return to Cincinnati for trial on the bank robbery charges. (Kansas City Star Photograph.)

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# G-MEN CAPTURE 2 JAIL FUGITIVES AT KANSAS CITY

## FBI Man Recognizes Suspects Who Fled Here; Search Pushed For Last of Escaped Prisoners

Samuel Ricketts, 28, and William Isaac Ratkay, 31, desperadoes who escaped from county jail Feb. 12, have been captured in Kansas City, Mo.

Their apprehension, announced by Federal Bureau of Investigation officials in Cincinnati, left at large only one man of the five who took part in the daring break.

He is Harry Ralph Beaver, 26, wanted as an accomplice of Ricketts and Ratkay in the \$6353 holdup of the Second National Bank's Avondale branch last Nov. 23.

Clarence Parsons, 23, and his brother, Arthur, 24, under sentence of 75 years each on kidnapping charges, were the others in the break. They were recaptured a week later in an unoccupied Delhi house.

Ratkay was captured at 6:30 p. m. Monday by a Kansas City FBI agent, who recognized him on the street.

Ricketts was caught in a dark rooming house basement Tuesday after Kansas City police and FBI agents went there on an anonymous tip.

Neither was armed and neither offered resistance. They were taken to a police station after a chase through Eden Park. Publication of their pictures in a Kansas City newspaper caused them to separate.

The search for Beaver continued in Kansas City, where the trio escaped in a hail of gunfire last Friday night, after FBI agents sprung a trap for them.

The G-men had set up a road block on a suburban Kansas City street. The fugitives saw the trap, crashed their stolen auto over a curb and fled on foot when the machine overturned. They later stole another auto.

FBI agents believe Beaver may have been wounded, for the wrecked car had been perforated by bullets.

L. A. Obenshain, acting Cincinnati FBI chief, said Ricketts, Ratkay and Beaver were scheduled for arraignment here Tuesday on bank robbery and auto theft charges.

If Ricketts and Ratkay waive hearings in Kansas City, he said, they will be returned here immediately. If not, they will be given early hearings there and returned later.

The jailbreakers escaped by beating a jail turnkey and locking others in a closet. Four of them stole an auto and escaped police after a chase through Eden Park.

Three days after the break Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 3553 Larkspur avenue, was kidnaped by a trio identified as Ricketts, Beaver and Ratkay. He was held prisoner in an unoccupied Walnut Hill house used as a hideout by the fugitives.

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## **FBI, Police Still Search for Bever**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4—Police officers, FBI officers and deputy sheriffs today pressed their search for Ralph Bever, remaining member of the Radkay gang still at large, running down scores of "tips" supplied by watchful citizens.

Officers yesterday pounced on an automobile the gang stole last week, after keeping it spotted several days in the hope Bever would return to it.

The car was found in a private garage Bever rented from Mrs. S. P. Umscheid, who lives about three blocks from the small hotel near which William Radkay was arrested Monday afternoon. She said Bever used the name of Andy Walker.

"We're all staying together at the Steuben Club," she reported he told her.

Later it dawned on her that the Steuben Club had been taken over by the army as a barracks.

"No, I wasn't afraid he'd return," she told officers. "There's a lot of artillery around here."

Police reported they received a store of tips last night but holed to Bever's hideout. Officers believed he holed up here after Radkay and Samuel Ricetta were arrested. The trio is wanted in Cincinnati for trial on bank robbery charges.

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**TWO GANGSTERS CAPTURED**—Harry Ralph Bever, left, remains at large after F.B.I. catches William Isaac Ratkay, center, gang leader, and Samuel Ricketts, right. The gangsters, sought for a Cincinnati bank robbery, were taken without resistance.

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### **G-Men Continue Search For Fifth Jailbreaker**

Harry Ralph Bever, 26 years old, one of five Federal prisoners who escaped from Hamilton County Jail February 12, still was being sought in Kansas City, Mo., yesterday.

Two suspected bank robbers indicted with Bever, for the holdup of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October 31, were captured there Monday and Tuesday.

The two, Samuel Ricketts, 28, and William Isaac Radkay, 31, under \$50,000 bonds, are to remain in Kansas City several days for questioning before being returned to Cincinnati, Alan H. Belmont, agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported.

Identification cards giving Bever's criminal record, fingerprints, picture, and names of relatives have been circulated throughout the country.

Two convicted kidnapers, Clarence and Arthur Parsons, brothers, who broke jail with the trio, were recaptured in Delhi, February 17. They now are in the Federal Penitentiary at Milan, Mich. They have appeals pending from seventy-five-year sentences on charges of kidnaping a Manchester, Ohio, girl.

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**BEVER TIPS ARE MANY**

CITIZENS CONTINUE CO-OPERATION IN FUGITIVE HUNT.

FBI Agents and Police Follow Up  
Twelfth and Troost  
Area.

**Bulletin.**

The motor car believed to have figured in the escape of three bandits, William Radkay, Ralph Bever and Samuel Ricketts, last Friday night after a gun battle with police and FBI agents, in which their own car was disabled, was found this afternoon in a private garage at 3604 Forest avenue.

Telephone tips poured into the FBI, the police and the sheriff today as an extraordinary number of citizens demonstrated their co-operation in the hunt for Ralph Bever, uncaptured member of the Radkay gang.

William Isaac Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, the other two desperadoes, are in the Jackson County jail as the result of photographs in The Star which brought about the tip-offs that led to their arrests.

**TO TWELFTH AND TROOST.**

FBI agents and police concentrated on the Twelfth street and Troost avenue district shortly before noon after a street car operator reported a man he believed to be Bever left his car there. The search in that area was continued this afternoon. The man boarded the car at Fifth street and Minnesota avenue in Kansas City, Kansas.

That development followed a search by agents and Kansas City, Kansas, police of the neighborhood of Fourth street and Minnesota avenue after a motor car salesman told the police he had picked up a man in Kansas City who jumped from the car at the Kansas end of the Inter-city viaduct.

Details from the FBI staff of agents and sheriff's office, as well as the police, were hastily assigned to each tip. These today led the officers to several other points in Greater Kansas City.

Chester Henry Macke, 43 years old, operator of a filling station at 701 Simpson avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, admitted to Kansas City police today that he had given Bever \$10 yesterday when the fugitive appeared at the Macke home, 1705 Garfield avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

Macke, who is being held, said he feared to call the police. He was arrested at the request of the FBI. The filling station operator described himself as a long-time friend of the stepfather of Radkay, the gang leader, who was graduated from petty crimes in Kansas City, Kansas, to the "big time" by way of jail and a Missouri penitentiary parole in 1940.

**ARREST AN EX-CONVICT.**

Police and deputy sheriffs, in response to a telephone call, this morning hurried to the Motel Inn, a motor car camp, just east of the city limits on U. S. highway No. 40. There they arrested a surprised and sleepy-eyed guest who identified himself as Lawrence L. Harmon, 39 years old, Sunnyside, Wash.

The man corresponded in some ways to the description of Bever. He was being held until a full investigation could be made.

It was James Tomblinson, 28, of 2423 Peery avenue, driver for the American Cab company, who reported to the police he was held up by a passenger he picked up at Linwood boulevard and Troost avenue.

When the man forced him to turn over \$15.00 at Twenty-ninth street and Forest avenue, he was quoted by Tomblinson as saying:

"I am plenty hot and they got my two buddies."

At headquarters Tomblinson was not sure the man who robbed him was Bever, after viewing the photographs of the fugitive.

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# HUNT PUSHED

## For Last Of Five

### Who Fled From County Jail February 12.

#### G-Men Capture Two More In Kansas City—Other Believed There.

Two more of five Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail February 12 after slugging a turnkey were in custody yesterday as Federal Bureau of Investigation agents sought the fifth.

The latest two captured were Samuel Ricketts, 28 years old, St. Paul, Minn., and William Isaac Radkay, 31, Kansas City, Mo., bank robbery suspects. Both were captured in Kansas City.

Still at large was Harry Ralph Bever, 26, Kansas City.

Two of the five were captured by Cincinnati police February 17 in an unoccupied house at 101 Belmont Avenue, Delhi. They were Clarence A. Parsons, 23, and Arthur R. Parsons, 24, North Bend, brothers, who were awaiting appeal from conviction on charges of kidnaping and raping a Mansfield, Ohio, girl at the time they escaped. They were under 75-year sentences.

Announcement of the capture of Ricketts and Radkay was made by L. A. Obenshain, acting agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the FBI.

Radkay and Ricketts were arraigned yesterday before Charles H. Thompson, United States Commissioner, at Kansas City, on charges of being fugitives from Cincinnati on bank robbery charges. Both

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## Last Escaper Sought

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waived a removal hearing and were ordered held under \$50,000 bonds.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States Marshal, said the pair would be returned to Cincinnati "at a day and time not to be disclosed."

The FBI described the five in a circular issued after their escape as among the most dangerous criminals at large in the country.

Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever, each of whom has several aliases listed on the circular, were indicted February 23 by the Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati for the armed robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October 31. Robbers obtained \$6,364 in the holdup.

Radkay was captured early Monday night on a Kansas City Street by two FBI agents who recognized him. Ricketts was taken early yesterday in a rooming house basement by FBI agents and Kansas City police, who went there after receiving an anonymous tip.

#### NEITHER IS ARMED.

Neither Ricketts nor Radkay was armed and neither offered resistance.

Obenshain said publicity given the trio in Kansas City papers probably caused them to part company.

Friday night FBI agents set up a road block to intercept the trio in a Kansas City suburb when they learned the direction the fugitives were traveling in a stolen automobile.

The fugitives saw the trap, drove the automobile over a curb, overturned it, and escaped on foot. Later they stole another automobile. The wrecked machine was perforated with bullets. FBI agents believe Bever may have been wounded.

First word authorities had as to the whereabouts of Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever came February 16 when Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, was kidnaped in his automobile on a parking lot at the rear of Bethesda Hospital.

He was robbed of the machine and \$100, then tied up in an unoccupied house at 629 Clifton, Walnut Hills. After Dr. Wilson escaped and notified police, authorities said the house bore evidence that the trio had used it for a hide-out since their escape.

They left Cincinnati in Dr. Wilson's automobile.

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# KILLERS 'HOLE UP' HERE

FBI BELIEVES RADKAY, BEVER  
AND RICKETTS ARE IN CITY.

All Citizens Are Asked to Be on  
Lookout for the Desperadoes  
Who Escaped Trap Last  
Friday Night.

Three bandits, described by the  
FBI as the most vicious and dan-  
gerous criminals at large in this  
country, and made more desperate  
by minor injuries and shortage of  
funds, are believed by FBI agents to  
be "holed up" in Kansas City, a  
potential menace to all citizens.

Since their escape from a police  
and FBI net in a pistol battle in  
the 1800 block on Pendleton avenue  
Friday night, the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation has extended its search  
over a wide area. It found evidence  
today, Dwight Brantley, agent in  
charge, said, that the men still are  
here, ready for a new outbreak.

## LONG STRING OF CRIMES.

The FBI today asked that every  
citizen be on the lookout for Wil-  
liam Isaac Radkay, Ralph Bever and  
Samuel Ricketts, all with aliases, all  
with criminal records. They are  
wanted for the armed robbery of a  
bank at Cincinnati November 23,  
and bureau agents list a long series  
of other crimes for which the gov-  
ernment is prepared to prosecute  
them.

The men have friends in Kansas  
City and the FBI believes they have  
had help in keeping under cover.

"They can't stay hidden long," an  
agent said today. "They are about  
out of money, they have injuries to  
be treated, and unless they are cap-  
tured they may be expected to stage  
any kind of a crime to get away."

Radkay is described as the leader  
of the mob. He was born thirty-one  
years ago in Kansas City, Kansas.  
To illustrate his desperate character  
an agent for the bureau described an  
escape recently from agents at Min-  
neapolis.

## OUT WINDOW TO FREEDOM.

He was cornered in his second-  
floor room in a hotel and ostensibly  
was ready to surrender. He handed  
his coat to an agent and when the  
agent reached for it Radkay turned  
and plunged through a window to  
the street below. He suffered a  
broken arm and an injured heel.  
He still has a limp in the right foot,  
the FBI said.

Bever is described as a cold-  
blooded killer. After the bank rob-  
bery in Cincinnati, FBI agents said,  
Bever was in a rest room in a Cin-  
cinnati tavern when he dropped his  
pistol. As he stooped to pick it up  
he remarked to a soldier in uniform,  
"I'm a tough guy."

The soldier replied, "If you're as  
tough why aren't you in the army?"  
Bever, agents assert, whirled on  
the soldier, saying:

"I'll show you how tough I am,  
and shot him in the head.

The soldier is recovering from  
dangerous injuries, according to FBI  
information.

Bever is described as using such  
aliases as Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan  
and Fred Matthews. He is 26 years  
old and was born at Millgrove, Mo.

## HIS NICKNAME TATTOOED.

He is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs

175 pounds, has gray-green eyes, has  
red, wavy hair and a ruddy com-  
plexion. He has been a cook, bell-  
boy, porter and laborer, has a double  
heart and the letters, Red, tattooed  
on the right arm.

Radkay is known also as James  
Murphy, William Isaac Radkay, Wil-  
lie Ratke, Bob Breeze, Sammy Reu-  
men and George E. Rowan. He is  
5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 153  
pounds, has brown eyes and hair  
and has worked as a shoe repair-  
man, lathe operator, carpenter, pack-  
ing plant worker and steelworker.  
He has scars on the back of the  
left hand, on the left thumb and  
palm, above the right eyebrow, on  
the middle forearm, upper lip and  
a bullet scar on the upper left arm.  
He is a persistent night club fre-  
quenter, the FBI said.

Ricketts, born at Atchison, Kan.,  
28 years ago, is known also as George  
Mason, Bob Roberts, George Rob-  
erts, Thomas Roberts, "Doc" Ricketts  
and "Shingle." He is 5 feet 11 1/2  
inches tall, and weighs 135 pounds.  
He has dark eyes, hair and com-  
plexion. He has worked as a baker.  
The FBI says he once was held as  
an inmate of an institution for the  
insane.

There will be someone waiting  
night and day at the FBI telephone,  
Victor 4686, to respond to any call  
in which citizens may make giving in-  
formation about one or all three of  
the men, Brantley said.

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## FLEE IN A BULLET HAIL

POLICE TRAP HERE FAILS TO  
CAPTURE THREE DESPERADOES.

William Radkay and Two Com-  
panions Smash Car, Then  
Escape on Foot in 1800  
Block on Pendleton.

Three desperadoes who escaped  
February 12 from the Hamilton  
County jail in Cincinnati while  
awaiting trial on bank robbery  
charges, escaped through a hail of  
bullets last night in the 1800 block  
on Pendleton avenue, when they  
were believed cornered by four city  
detectives and an FBI agent.

The three were William Radkay,  
31 years old, and Harry B. Beaver,  
26, both of Kansas City, and Samuel  
Ricketts, 28, of St. Paul. The men  
were charged with the robbery  
October 31, 1932, of the Second Na-  
tional bank of Cincinnati. With two  
others, later caught, they escaped  
jail and commandeered two motor  
cars. No trace of the three had been  
found until early Friday morning  
when Rex Willis of the detective de-  
partment heard Radkay was in Kan-  
sas City.

### A DAY OF VIGIL

Willis and other detectives cruised  
Kansas City for several hours but  
found no trace of the three. The  
police radio broadcast pickup calls  
all day yesterday. The men were  
described by the FBI as among the  
most vicious in the country.

At 6 o'clock last night Willis and  
H. L. Scott, FBI agent, went to a  
home at 1817 Pendleton avenue. It  
is occupied by James O. Smith, an  
engineer, described by Willis as  
a "casual acquaintance" of the men.

Willis put in a call for another  
car, in case the men appeared. A  
car containing James Messick, Fred  
Ennis and Ray Williams, detectives,  
was near the scene. It pulled up  
from the west in front of Smith's  
home just as a 1938 Pontiac coupe  
containing three men appeared from  
the east. There was mutual recog-  
nition. Williams angle-parked his  
police car in the street between two  
parked cars, hoping to cut off the  
other machine.

### BEAVER GETS OUT TO RUN.

The detectives said Radkay was  
driving the other car. He backed  
quickly, pulled over the north curb  
and drove down the sidewalk. As he  
did that, Beaver jumped out and  
ran between 1815 and 1817 Pendle-  
ton avenue. The detectives hopped  
from their car and began firing at  
the bandit car.

The fugitives' machine hit a tree  
and then glanced into the police car  
when Willis had parked a short  
time before. It locked wheels, pulled  
the police car several feet, then was  
disengaged and shot into a 4-foot  
stone wall where the left front wheel  
was demolished. Radkay and Rick-  
etts piled from the car and began  
running south and east.

At the first shots, Willis and Scott  
had popped out of the house and  
all five men fired at the fleeing  
desperadoes. The detectives searched  
the immediate neighborhood for  
several hours but were unable to  
find the men.

### EQUIPPED FOR STEALING GAS.

The Pontiac was riddled with bul-  
lets. In the back police found a gas-  
oline can and siphon. Police and  
federal agents with the co-opera-  
tion of the sheriff's office and high-  
way patrol immediately blocked all  
highway exits of the city in hope  
of catching the men.

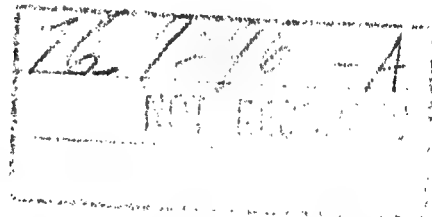
Police records here indicated  
Beaver is wanted on no specific  
charge in Kansas City, but in the  
files is a pick-up order from the St.  
Joseph police on a charge of high-  
way robbery and another from Ft.  
Benning, Ga., on an army desertion  
charge last September. Beaver for-  
merly lived here, according to po-  
lice files.

Radkay has a long list of arrests  
in police records of Kansas City,  
Kansas.

There are many entries charging  
highway robbery. In 1933 he was  
shot by Joseph Schick, city detective,  
following the daylight robbery of the  
Woodstock-Hoefler Jewelry company.  
He escaped from the General hos-  
pital and was captured in Topeka.  
He was sentenced to serve ten years  
and was paroled in 1940 from the  
Missouri prison.

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## Fugitives, Girl Friends, Pose at Headquarters



Arthur Parsons, left, and his brother, Clarence, convicted kidnapers, await police questioning in Central Station following their capture in Delhi.



With the Parsons brothers police found two sisters, Virginia Mitchell, 17, and Dawn Emma Mitchell, 14, Addyston. The girls said they went into the house late Wednesday when the brothers called to them.



Patrolman Harland Prophater, first officer in the house after others surrounded it, inspects the room where the Parsons brothers and the girls were captured.

## U. S. Removes Parsons Brothers From Local Jail

### BULLETIN

Clarence and Arthur Parsons were removed from county jail late Thursday. Charles Sisson, U. S. marshal, and several deputies guarded them. They would not say where the brothers would be taken.

Clarence and Arthur Parsons, convicted kidnapers recaptured in Delhi after a sensational break from county jail, will be moved from the jail "in a hurry," James V. Bennett, director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, told The Post's Washington correspondent Thursday.

"We are going to get them out of there as soon as proper arrangements for their transfer can be made," Mr. Bennett said.

Cincinnati FBI agents took added precautions to guarantee that the brothers, sentenced to 75 years each in prison for kidnaping a 15-year-old Manchester, O., girl, made no further breaks.

J. Paul Geoghegan, U. S. commissioner, arraigned the youths in their cells on charges of breaking jail.

Clarence, 23, hobbled before him first, still weak from injuries suffered to both heels last Friday night when he joined his brother and three alleged bank robbers in the break.

Clarence said he wanted to see his lawyer. Edward Hoover, co-counsel for the youths at their kidnaping trial, advised them to plead innocent and waive a hearing. Both did, and their bonds were set at \$25,000 each.

Two girls found in the vacated Delhi house at 101 Belmont avenue, Delhi, where the youths were captured Wednesday night, were ordered held in the Juvenile Place of Detention. They were Virginia Mitchell, 17, and her sister, Dawn Emma, 14, both of Addyston.

In Washington, Prison Director

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**MANACLED AND COWED**, two prisoners, William Isaac Radkay (left) and Samuel Ricketts, are shown when they were arraigned before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, at the federal building today. A heavy leather belt (visible on Radkay) around the waist of each man is linked to steel handcuffs by chains, permitting only limited movement of the criminals' hands. Radkay, the leader of the gang broken up here by the FBI, was dressed in a leather-paneled felt jacket, bright plaid shirt without tie, and gray trousers. He was hatless when captured. Ricketts wore an all-leather jacket, conventional shirt and tie and carried a gray felt hat. Both pleaded not guilty and each was held under \$50,000 bond for return to Cincinnati for trial on the bank robbery charges. (Kansas City Star Photograph.)

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# FBI GETS TWO GANGSTERS

**William Radkay, Leader of Desperate Criminal Band,  
and Samuel Ricketts Captured Here With-  
out Any Gunplay or Resistance.**

## SEEK THIRD MAN

**Ralph Bever, Last of the Mob,  
Still Is Believed Hiding  
in Kansas City.**

## GIVES CREDIT TO THE STAR

**Dwight Brantley, Chief Here,  
Says Telephone "Tips" Came  
In From Readers.**

**An All-Night Search by Agents  
and Policemen for One  
of Desperadoes.**

## BOTH ARE TAKEN EASILY

**One Arrested Near Linwood and  
Troost, Another at 721  
West Eleventh.**

Two of the nation's top-ranking criminals, sought here by the government and police since they eluded arrest in a gun battle last Friday, were captured by FBI agents last night and early today without resistance.

William Isaac Radkay was picked up on Troost avenue about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by two special agents, and Samuel Ricketts was captured about 5:45 o'clock this morning cowering behind a basement door in a rooming house.

Ralph Bever, the third member of the mob, eluded the net set for them and is being sought in an intensive man-hunt.

### An Aid in the Capture.

Dwight Brantley, FBI special agent in charge, said the arrests were made on leads supplied by readers of The Star, following publication yesterday of photographs of the bandits and the story of their criminal exploits.

The hoodlums are described by Brantley as the most vicious and dangerous criminals in the nation, rating with such desperadoes as the former Touhy gang, the Dillinger mob and the Barker-Karpis outfit which once spread terror.

Bever, the bandit still eluding capture, will continue as a threat to the community until he is a prisoner, agents said. He is described as a cold-blooded, heartless criminal. He is the gunman who, when taunted by a soldier because he was not in uniform, shot the soldier through the head. Brantley asked today for further co-operation by citizens with information that may disclose Bever's hiding place.

Soon after The Star appeared on the streets last night with the pictures of the three desperadoes and the story of their being "holed up" here, the FBI office began to receive telephone calls from persons who believed they had seen men answering to the descriptions given.

### On an Anonymous "Tip."

Among the first was from a person who said:

"I think the men are at 1106 East Thirty-third street."

The person gave no name and immediately broke the connection. Within a few minutes two motor cars carrying FBI agents were approaching the Armidor hotel at the address given.

Meanwhile, two other agents who were in the neighborhood on the city-wide search for the gangsters recognized and took Radkay on the street.

These agents, who had studied and memorized the features of the three convicts, were walking south on the east side of Troost avenue between Linwood boulevard and Thirty-third street. They passed Radkay going in the opposite direction.

"That's our man," one of the agents said, and the two whirled and pinned Radkay's arms behind him, taking him by complete surprise. The desperado was handcuffed and taken to

the car. The agents ran by and took him to the office of the FBI on the seventh floor of the United States courthouse.

Radkay was unarmed and was believed to be fleeing from his quarters at the nearby hotel after having seen his own photograph on the first page of The Star. Agents learned later he had bought a copy of the newspaper a short time before he was captured.

### No Letup on Calls.

The calls continued to reach FBI headquarters through the night, Brantley said, and between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning another tip produced results. It was to the effect that two of the bandits could be found at a rooming house at 721 West Eleventh street.

Four FBI agents in one car and four patrolmen in another went quietly to the West Eleventh street address and were admitted by the manager. Room by room, the place was searched. Lodgers were routed out and questioned, but the men sought apparently were not there.

Officers remained outside to see that no one slipped away.

When all the remainder of the building had been combed, the agents went to the basement searching for hiding places. Near the coal bin an officer closed a door that had been standing open, and behind it, cowering and knees shaking, was Ricketts. He offered no resistance. His hands went up when the moving door revealed him. Brantley, who was present, said.

### His Comment Brief.

"Well, you've got me," he said, and that was his only spoken word immediately following his capture.

In moving on Ricketts's hideout, the FBI verified the fact he was at the address through a taxicab driver.

At 5:25 o'clock this morning a Yellow cab was called to the Eleventh street address. The driver, Fred Jewett, picked up a man at the entrance.

"I was to get another man here," the passenger said, "but I don't see him. Drive around the block and maybe we can spot him." The round trip was made without finding the other man. "Well, I guess someone else picked him up this morning," said the man as he discharged the taxi and returned to the rooming house.

### Recognizes the Convict.

Back at his starting point Jewett was met by an FBI agent, who questioned him about the call, showing him a picture of one of the bandits. Jewett recognized Ricketts as the passenger.

Incidentally, Jewett said he has known Bever, the third member of the gang, for several years; that he used to be a hotel porter here.

"When sober, Bever is the wildest kind of a man," Jewett said, "but with a few drinks inside he goes clean crazy."

Agents investigating at the Armidor hotel said they learned the three

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ORBIT OF A CONTINUING KANSAS CITY MANHUNT. RALPH BEVER, SHOWN IN AN FBI IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPH. THE NOTATIONS CONTAINING DESCRIPTIVE DETAIL WERE WRITTEN BY FEDERAL AGENTS. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

bandits registered there at 12 25 o'clock last Thursday morning. It was Friday night that the bandits shot it out with FBI agents and police in the 1800 block on Pendleton avenue. It was believed that after their escape they went immediately to the hotel, whereas officers, for a time, assumed they had left the city.

The Ardor is a small hotel, occupying two floors above a drug store and shops at the northeast corner of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. The entrance is on Thirty-third street. A small lobby with a few chairs is on the ground floor. The desk is at the head of the stairs. The hotel is occupied mostly by war workers, Mrs. Maude Daly, manager, said.

Following Radkay's capture, police and FBI agents threw a guard over the whole neighborhood of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. Men still were on duty there today.

#### No Money, No Haggage

Search of the quarters the gangsters occupied indicated they had no haggage. Agents found only some shaving cream and a safety razor.

Brantley said the men had little money and he believed they were handicapped in their movements by a lack of funds. It was evident, he said, they were dressed to appear as war workers, wearing leather jackets and dark trousers. They left no clothing in their quarters and neither man captured appeared to possess extra clothing.

Brantley said he learned Radkay had gone out to purchase a copy of The Star yesterday afternoon, then returned to his room. It was believed the men, seeing the "heat was on," had left the hotel one at a time. Radkay apparently was the last to leave.

#### In Chains and Handcuffs

After questioning, the captured men were charged as fugitives from the Cincinnati bank robbery. Then, chained and handcuffed, they were taken before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, for arraignment. Both men waived a removal hearing and were ordered to the Jackson County jail under \$50,000 bonds each.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, said Radkay and Ricketts would be returned to Cincinnati "at a day and time not to be disclosed." Agents of the FBI said both prisoners had boasted previously they could "break out of any jail."

The action, filed by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, was based upon a complaint now pending against Radkay, Ricketts and Bever at Cincinnati, charging them with the bank robbery and escaping from the Hamilton County jail there.

Brantley and Dillingham took no chances when Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the FBI headquarters, on the seventh floor, to the marshal's office, two floors below. The hands of each prisoner were handcuffed and chained. As Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the fingerprinting room of the marshal's office to Thompson's courtroom, safety belts were adjusted around the waist of each, with the handcuffs and chains clamped to steel rings on the belt. The men were unable to raise their arms over a few inches.

#### Give Data to FBI

Radkay gave his age on his fingerprint card as 31, and his address as 250 North Fifth street, Kansas City, Kansas. He is slender, weighing 160 pounds, and standing 5 feet 9 inches tall. His complexion is fair. He signed the card as "William Isaac Radkay."

Ricketts gave his home address as 3023 Montgall avenue, and his age as 28. He also is slender. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds and has brown hair.

Radkay and Ricketts appeared in court in the same clothing they wore when captured. Radkay had on a combination leather and felt jacket and wore blue trousers. He had no hat. The latter wore a new leather jacket and striped work trousers similar to those worn by factory and war workers. Ricketts's hat was of a light green shade.

When Thompson asked each how they pleaded to the complaint, both Radkay and Ricketts answered with a "Not guilty." In answer to Thompson's question whether they desired a hearing or would waive it, both spoke up at the same time, saying: "We waive a hearing."

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### THREE BAD MEN OF CRIME.

Gangsters Have Long Police Records in This Area.

A trail of criminal activities involving the three men extends back more than a decade in police and prison records.

William Radkay was a parolee from the Missouri penitentiary. He has a long list of arrests in both Kansas City. Almost every entry charges him with highway robbery. In 1935 he was shot by police with a riot gun following the daylight hold-up of the Woodstock-Hoefler Jewelry company. The loot was valued at \$3,000. He was sentenced to the Missouri prison and was paroled in 1940. After his capture in 1935 he escaped from the General hospital and was caught again when he attempted to hold up a filling station at Topeka.

Radkay in 1931 called himself the "Little Al Capone." That was his boast when he was arrested in the holdup of the Leader Clothing company while thirty shoppers looked on. FBI officials said Radkay had been wounded at least eight times during his captures for various crimes. He boasted he was the leader of a gang of young Kansas City hoodlums more than ten years ago and made his start as a bootlegger.

Ralph Bever is an army deserter. He admitted shooting an army corporal in a Minneapolis bar last November, according to Minneapolis police. He was in possession of a stolen motor car with a set of licenses from eight states when arrested by police in the Minnesota city. The army corporal is expected to recover. Bever gave police two Kansas City addresses, 3026 Walnut street, and 115 East Thirty-third street.

Samuel Ricketts, who claimed Minneapolis as his home, apparently teamed up with Bever and Radkay some months ago. Last August the police here were asked by the Niagara Falls, N. Y., department to check on Missouri license plates used on a car in the holdup of a tavern there. The plates were issued to Ricketts and pictures of the three men were identified by the victims of the Niagara Falls tavern robbery.

Similar holdups followed in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Milwaukee with three men participating.

### Brantley Praises the Police.

The assistance given by the Kansas City police department in the man hunt which resulted in the capture of two desperate criminals here late yesterday and early today was appreciated highly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to Dwight Brantley, special FBI agent in charge here.

"The police department was in the hunt from the start and stayed in it with all its resources," Brantley said. "Their co-operation in this case, as in all others, was of great value to the Bureau of Investigation."

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**HIDEOUT OF THREE DESPERATE CRIMINALS** since last Thursday was at the Amidor hotel, 1106 East Thirty-third street, just off of Troost avenue. The small hotel occupies two floors above a drug store and shops. The entrance, marked with the arrow, is on Thirty-third street. William Isaac Rackay, recognized as leader of the gang, was captured late yesterday afternoon just around the corner on Troost avenue by two FBI agents as he apparently was fleeing after being smoked out by pictures appearing in The Star. The fugitives had registered at the hotel under assumed names. (Kansas City Star photograph.)

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# "I Don't Know Why I Left," Escapee Mourns; Brother Says He Is Glad to Quit Hiding

(Walter Radtke, Post reporter, was on the scene when the kidnaping-jailbreaking brothers, Clarence and Arthur Parsons, were returned to their cells. He talked with both, and wrote this first-hand account of what happened.)

**BY CLARENCE PARSONS**  
(As told to Walter Radtke)

"I was pretty easy caught. They (the other three) are not as dumb as my brother and I. I think it will be a good while before they are caught."



Mr. Radtke said they were ready for the

"We had been talking about getting out of this jail for a long time. (Later he said the escape plot was framed about a month previous to the actual break.)

"They came to me Friday and said they were ready for the

break. I didn't want to go. I had nothing to gain by running out, I thought. But I went with them. Why, I don't know.

"I was one of them that jumped the guard when he handed in the bucket. Then I don't know what happened exactly. I ran into the kitchen. The other fellows weren't there.

"Then I ran into the other cell block. Then to the door leading from the jail into the jail office. Somebody, I think it was Red (Red Beaver), had slugged Denny (outside guard, Dennis Ryan). Denny was down and bleeding. Then Ratkay and me went up stairs to the women's jail. We brought down the matron and locked her in the cell.

When we got back I saw Ratkay in the jail elevator. He started the cab and found out he couldn't stop it. He jumped back into the jail office. The cab went on down. Then we slid down the cable, one after the other until the first opening. (This was the fourth floor). Then we made that guy show us down the steps.

"We go down to the first floor and got out the window on top of a garage or something. Then we hung from there and dropped down. That's where I hurt my heels. Ratkay must have hurt himself, too, because I heard him holler.

"Then we had to climb up a little ways and kick in a window. After getting into the toilet we split up. I don't know where the others went, but I turned right and went up some steps to the first floor. Then I was on the street. I walked up a square, then crossed over a block and walked down Walnut or Vine street. My brother was with me. (Later, the brother said he was not with Clarence.)

"The first night we stayed at a garage. It wasn't so cold that night. Saturday we spent most of the day and night walking just to keep warm. I begged four or five dollars from people on the street.

"But we didn't eat until Sunday when we got in the house in Jelhl. In the house we found

cans of food, beans and tomatoes. We had coal in the cellar. We shaved with a plain razor blade. Didn't have a razor.

"This afternoon (Wednesday) we saw the two girls walking. I was lonesome and wanted to talk to someone. I thought I knew them and I called to them from the house. They came in and played cards with us, 7 up, and a silly game called 'I doubt it.'

"Then the police closed in on us."

## Arthur Tells Story, Then Changes It

In detective headquarters at City Hall, Arthur Parsons, 24, told the same story that Clarence had related.

But when the brothers were taken to the county jail, FBI agents took Arthur into a separate room for questioning.

When the agents finished with Arthur (it took several hours of questioning) he repudiated most

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# Fugitives Relate Story of Escape

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of his earlier story and told the following:

"My brother didn't go with us. The other three and I got out of the Courthouse and we got the machine. We rode out somewhere, I believe it was Avondale. Then we changed cars. We hadn't run out of gas, but the three bank robbers said the car was too hot.

## Dodges Police

"We took another car and came back through Eden Park. That's where the shooting started. We pulled off the road and I went one way and the other three went another way. I saw the police blocking the roads. So I cut over a hill and finally came to a car track. That's where I got these pants from a house.

"I followed the car tracks to the city. My brother and I had made arrangements to meet some time at the park in Delhi. Or maybe it was in Sayler Park.

"It took me two days to get down there and I followed the river.

"Then I got in the house with my brother. The girls had nothing to do with it but we saw them this afternoon and called over to them."

## Glad He Was Caught

Asked earlier if he was glad he was caught and could quit hiding, Arthur answered "Yes."

Asked why he had stated earlier that he had not been in Eden Park he merely answered, "I don't know."

After FBI men had questioned them till almost midnight, Arthur was questioned by Charles H. Sisson, U. S. marshal, who said he was in Cincinnati on unofficial business.

## Placed in Isolation

Then both boys were placed in isolated cells by Sheriff C. Taylor Hardman. The boys were scheduled to stay in the "hole," but were placed in isolated cells, so they could not talk to each other. The "hole" is completely darkened, but there is a steel screen separating the two cells there through which one may talk.

Clarence earlier had said none of them had a gun.

"They must not have had a gun or they would have used it," he said.

## Remain Calm

While Arthur and the 17-year-old girl were being questioned by FBI men in the jail, Clarence and the 14-year-old sister were seated at a table in the jail offices. Often they would look at each other and smile calmly. They attempted to talk to each other but were stopped by a guard seating himself between them. At that time Clarence was amiable and talked freely and calmly but after his questioning by the agents, he grew somewhat snarly.

"If my brother told you he wasn't with me, it's all right with me," he said. Then he hobbled off to the cell.

Early in the evening, Clarence Parsons told police that it was the intention of the three bank robbers to stay in the vicinity of Cincinnati for a while.

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## T.-S. Photos of Escaped Quintet Circulated Nation-wide by FBI

### Hunt for Fugitive Brothers at Scene of Crime.

The local Federal Bureau of Investigation office received Tuesday from Washington 5,000 of the 100,000 circulars being distributed nation-wide for use in the search for the five men who escaped from Hamilton County Jail late Friday.

The circulars bear pictures, identifications and fingerprint classifications of Samuel Ricketts, 28; William Isaac Radkay, 31; Harry Ralph Bever, 28, and Clarence, 23, and Arthur Parsons, 24, and state that they are "five of the most desperate and dangerous criminals at large today."

The pictures of the Parsons brothers were those taken by Times-Star Photographer William Russell as they appeared in court last November. At the request of the FBI, which lacked distinct photographs of the desperadoes, the pictures were sent to the Washington FBI office Saturday by AP Wirephoto from its Times-Star office.

Allen H. Belmont, in charge of the Cincinnati FBI, said the 5,000 circulars received here would be distributed immediately to law enforcement officers.

Meanwhile, Sheriff C. Taylor Handman called for questioning Tuesday every deputy and jailer who was on duty at the time of the break.

Among other reports investigated was one that Noel Stevens, night watchman on a gravel boat in the Ohio River at Manchester, O., had been threatened Sunday by two men answering the description of the Parsons brothers. Stevens said the men threatened to shoot him if he did not take them across the river, but that he refused the request, telling them to use the near-by ferry.

Shortly after midnight, deputy sheriffs went to a West Fifth Street rooming house when the woman operator told the sheriff's office that two men who took a room there might be the Parsons brothers. The men were innocent, an investigation revealed. Several hours later Ralph Anderson, special investigator for the sheriff's office, was summoned to a local depot to view several men picked up by Cincinnati police in the belief they might have been members of the escaped quintet, but Anderson said they were not involved.

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## Fugitive Brothers Sought Where They Kidnaped Girl

Sheriff to Quiz Every Deputy, Guard  
In Escape of Five From County Jail

Search for Clarence Parsons, 23, and his brother, Arthur, 24, who escaped with three others from county jail Friday night, turned to Manchester, O., Tuesday as Sheriff C. Taylor Handman prepared to summon deputies to explain how the fugitives got away.

Officials had at least one clew to substantiate their belief that the Parsons brothers, under sentence of 75 years each for the kidnaping of a 15-year-old Manchester girl, may have returned to the scene of the crime.

A Manchester riverman reported that two men answering the brothers' description threatened to shoot him early Sunday if he did not take them across the Ohio River. He refused.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Handman said he would question every deputy and jailer on duty at the time of the break.

Noel Stevens, night watchman on a gravel boat in the Ohio River at Manchester, said he was aboard the boat about 50 feet off shore when he heard shouts at 1 a. m. Sunday.

He saw two men standing on the river bank and turned his flash light on them.

"Turn that thing off or we'll fill you full of lead," the men threatened.

Mr. Stevens turned it off. Then the men asked him to take them across the river.

"Take the ferryboat," Mr. Stevens told them. A ferryboat is operated nearby.

"We're not going to do it; you're going to take us over," the pair said.

"You'll see," Mr. Stevens replied, and went inside the boat. The men swore, then left.

Mr. Stevens said both men were tall and slender. This description generally fitted that of the Parsons brothers, according to Sheriff Grimes Morgan of Adams county.

L. Z. Lewis, Manchester night marshal, informed the FBI of Mr. Stevens' encounter and said a close watch for the brothers had been ordered in Manchester.

In Cincinnati, C. H. Sisson, U. S. marshal, urged motorists not to pick up hitchhikers. Persons thumbing rides on the highways should be reported to police, he said. He urged housewives to report stragglers.

Circulars describing the Parsons brothers and their jailbreak confederates were sent over the nation by FBI. The other fugitives are Harry Beaver, 26, Kansas City, Mo.; William S. Ratkay, 31, Kansas City, Kan.; Samuel Ricketts, 28, St. Paul, Minn., under indictment in Cincinnati on bank robbery charges.

Five thousand of the circulars were received here for distribution over this section. They called the fugitives the "most desperate and dangerous criminals at large today."

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## Country Better Off Without You, Judge Said Sentencing Brothers

The Parson brothers were convicted in United States District Court November 23 for kidnaping a Manchester, Ohio, girl, 18 years old, who later was raped twice by one of them. They were sentenced to serve 75 years each in the penitentiary.

In sentencing them, Judge John H. Druffel, commented:

"The country would be better off without men like you."

The penalty was the most severe ever imposed in Federal Court here. Judge Druffel said he did not sentence them to death because "people who have nothing else to do would intercede for them."

Their case had been appealed to the Sixth United States Court of Appeals and the brothers were being held in County Jail pending a hearing before that court. Prisoners whose cases are appealed to a higher court may elect to start serving their sentences immediately or after the ruling of the higher court, Vern H. Wilson, Chief Assistant United States District Attorney, said last night. The Parson brothers

had elected to start their sentence after their case had been heard by the Court of Appeals, and so were being kept in County Jail.

The three other prisoners were held in jail pending trial on a Federal charge of armed robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank and on three state charges of armed robbery.

The three were captured in Minneapolis November 25, 1942, following a shooting in a cafe in that city.

They were identified, county officials alleged, as the bandits who held up the branch bank and stole \$3,364 October 31, 1942. They also were identified as the men who held up and robbed Jeanette Mason, cashier of the Kemper Lane Hotel, obtaining \$450, on October 12; the Mayflower Restaurant, Oak Street and Reading Road, October 21, where they stole \$181.45 from Artie Cox, cashier, and the Ritz Theater, 3008 Woodburn Avenue, where they forced Nida Renneberg, ticket seller, to hand over \$120.

At the time of their arrest Minneapolis authorities identified them as members of a Kansas City gang described as one of the toughest in the nation and wanted for numerous crimes in the South and East.

## THREE OF COUNTY JAIL BREAKERS



HARRY BEAVER.



SAMUEL RICKETTS.



WILLIAM RADKEY.

These three men, held in Hamilton County Jail under Federal charges in connection with the robbing of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October 31, were among the five men who escaped from the jail last night.

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*Offered to Free Others*

## 5 Ohio Convicts Beat Jailer, Flee in Stolen Car

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 13—Police today were chasing two kidnapers and three bank bandits who broke out of jail last night in the hilly country near here.

The men were Arthur, 24, and Clarence Parson, 23, brothers, under sentence of 75 years imprisonment for kidnaping a woman in Manchester, Ohio, last fall; and Harry Beaver, 26, William C. Rathay, 28, and Sam Ricketts, 28, charged with holding up the Avondale, Ohio, branch of the Second National Bank of Cincinnati.

### STOPPED UP PLUMBING

They clogged up the plumbing of the bull pen of the county jail and then demanded mops and buckets of Turnkey Dennis Ryan, 55.

When he brought them in they beat him unconscious with their shoes and locked him in the bull pen, with his own keys, with five other prisoners, including Tony Treat, 54, under life sentence for murdering a 10-year-old child. He refused to escape.

They next went to the jailer's office where they overpowered and trussed two guards with rope. Then they went to the women's quarters, locked the matron in a cell and gallantly offered two women prisoners the opportunity of escape. They refused.

The elevator took them to the basement of the court house in which the jail is located, and they fled to the street where Leslie Mann, Norwood, Ohio, and his wife were parking their auto. They jerked the Manns out of the machine and drove off. In suburban Avondale, they ran out of gas.

line and stole another car. A police car came along then and a wild chase along the highway ensued, with the policemen firing after them. After four miles, their car turned over on a curve and the men scattered. Police believed the men were cornered today.

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## Five Federal Prisoners Sought After Jailbreak

By the Associated Press.  
 CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.—Five men, two under Federal prison sentences for kidnaping and three under Federal indictments for bank robbery, escaped last night from the Hamilton County Jail, overpowering a guard and fleeing in a stolen car, Sheriff C. Taylor Handman reported.

The prisoners included the Parson brothers, Arthur, 24, and Clarence, 23, of Parkersburg, W. Va., under 75-year sentence for abducting 15-year-old Vivian Wells of Manchester, Ohio, and driving her into Kentucky. They were awaiting a hearing on their appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here.

The other fugitives were Harry Beaver, 26; William Radkay, 29, and Sam Ricketts, 27, captured after a gun battle in Minneapolis last November 25 and held pending trial for armed robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank here.

The five beat Dennis Ryan, veteran guard, with their shoes as he was taking them from a "pen" to their cells, used his keys to enter the jail office, fled past the jail dispatcher and commandeered an automobile, Sheriff Handman said.

*Arthur Parson  
Clarence Parson*

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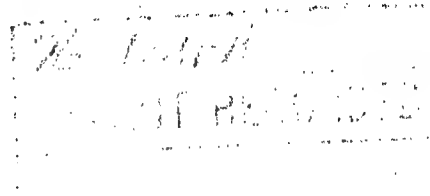
5 Prisoners Gain Control of

# MANHUNT

Cell Blocks, Flee Through

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Police Net in Stolen Car



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# FIVE PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

## FREEDOM

Refused By 287.

Federal Felons Subdue  
Guards And Matron,

Then Grab Auto On Street  
—Soldier Brothers. Alleged  
Bank Robbers, Flee.

Five prisoners, two under seventy-five-year sentences for kidnaping and three awaiting trial for bank robbery, which carries a possible life sentence, made a daring escape from Hamilton County Jail at 5:55 o'clock last night.

The break was executed with such cunning that for at least 30 minutes before they fled the five desperadoes were in complete charge of the jail, having overpowered the entire night crew of three jail guards, a dispatcher, and the chief matron. One guard was beaten.

As the prisoners held control of the jail they offered freedom to the 270 male prisoners and 17 women.

Nonetheless, the ringleaders accepted the offer of freedom.

Among those refusing was Anthony (Tony) Treat, under death sentence for murder, and four women awaiting trial for murder.

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### FIVE MAKE ESCAPE

Those who escaped:

Arthur Parsons, 24 years old, and his brother, Clarence, 23, formerly of North Bend, who are under sentence for conviction under the Lindbergh law for kidnaping a fifteen-year-old Manchester, Ohio, girl.

Harry Beaver, 27, Kansas City, Mo.; William C. Radkey, 27, Kansas City, Kan., and Samuel Ricketts, 28, St. Paul, Minn. under Federal and state indictments for the robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale. They were named also in robbery charges involving hold-ups at several suburban places last fall.

Familiar with the routine of jail life, the prisoners executed the delivery with the smoothness of a motion picture thriller. Included in the details of the plot was the time that the outer guard ate his supper, which customarily is delivered to him at the main jail gate.

### WAIT FOR THIRD.

Getting free rein by overpowering the two inner guards, the quintet waited for Dennis Ryan, 55, 1020 Walnut Street, a veteran guard, who was at the outer station in the jail office, to appear for supper. They beat, choked, and jabbed him with hand-fashioned weapons. Ryan was cut and bruised on the face and head.

Upon leaving the sixth floor jail and failing to steal an automobile from a man and his wife on Central Parkway near Main Street, the five felons ran to the middle of the street, stopping a flow of evening traffic, to steal an automobile from another couple.

Less than two hours later this machine was abandoned in Avondale and another one stolen. The second car was abandoned after it was wrecked in a skid on the main drive in Eden Park, near the greenhouse.

Two of the suspects were reported to have fled from the wrecked

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## Five Men Escape

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machine. Almost immediately hundreds of police and sheriff's deputies blocked all foot and motor traffic at the entrances to the big park.

Just before this blockade was established, a stolen car in which the suspects were fleeing was chased and shot at by Patrolman Alvin Grabencamp.

After an hour's search over the grassy and wooded hills, made slippery by rain, the blockade was lifted when it became evident that the suspects had escaped.

Sheriff C. Taylor Handman, who took charge of the search, also launched an investigation into the jail delivery. Although stating that he would not fix the blame until his investigation was completed, he said that jail rules would be tightened.

"There'll be rules and orders here that nobody can misunderstand," the Sheriff said. "There will be drill and examination every week for every guard and employee. The slightest violation will bring summary dismissal."

Virtually every Sheriff's office employee of all shifts reported for duty as soon as the word of the break was broadcast.

Sheriff Handman said it was evident that ringleaders had figured out everything and timed the break to the smallest detail. He said it was possible they had outside, and "perhaps inside," assistance.

Details of the escape, assembled by Handman, his Chief Deputy, John Behle, Captain William Wiggeringloh, and Elmer Jansen and William Holthe, special investigators, showed that the quintet worked with precision. One of them even carried long enough to change clothing which was bloodied during the assault upon Ryan.

The delivery started, Handman and Behle said, when Albert Kneuve, an inner guard on the south block, answered an urgent call from prisoners in E Range that the cells and kitchen were being flooded by stopped-up plumbing. The two convicted kidnappers and the suspected bank robbers called out that they needed a mop and a bucket. A Negro trusty is said to have given them a mop, while the call for a bucket was repeated.

Kneuve, seeing that cell blocks were being flooded by water which it was learned later came from plumbing plugged by the prisoners,

opened a gate, which released the locks on individuals cells.

Kneuve, threatened with a roller from a mop bucket, a dirk fashioned to a dull point from a bath shower lever, and a piece of heavy wire shaped into a dagger, was held captive while two of the men went into the north block, where they overpowered the other inner guard, John Goermiller.

Goermiller said he was not aware that the prisoners were loose until they seized him. Throughout their operations the men were without shoes.

With Kneuve and Goermiller locked in cells, two or three of the armed men went to the kitchen, where they started to prepare a meal for Guard Ryan. Goermiller said he was asked what time Ryan usually ate. When he said he didn't know, he was told he was to take Ryan's meal to the main gate. This gate had to be opened from the outside before any one could leave the jail.

Instead of cooking meat which they started to fry, the felons changed their plans. Two of them guarded Kneuve and Goermiller. The three others went to the sides of the main door to wait for Ryan to inquire for his supper.

Before doing this, however, the men called out to Treat, who is under death sentence for the sex slaying of ten-year-old Helen Sellers, telling him he could come along. Treat and other prisoners declined the opportunity, as did another prisoner whose first name is Tony.

When Ryan opened the main jail gate leading to safety he was overwhelmed by the three men, one being one of the Parson brothers. He was robbed of his keys, which gave the five prisoners access to the elevators leading outdoors.

While Ryan was kept under guard, two of the thugs rushed into the jail office, seizing Clem Noll, dispatcher.

When he tried to get to a telephone, the two were upon him before he moved three feet, he said. Threatened with the dirk and a small knife, which the quintet did not abandon as they did some of their hand-fashioned weapons, Noll was taken into a small "isolation cell" just within the main jail gate. He was kept there while two of the prisoners went to the seventh-floor quarters, where women prisoners are kept. Telling Mrs. Margaret Stephens, Chief Matron, who was on duty alone, that "you better come along without any trouble,"

the pair led her to the isolation room and made her a prisoner with Noll.

During their stay in the women's quarters, the two men told the women prisoners that "you all come out." None, including four women awaiting trial for murder, left.

In fact it was one of the women prisoners, Helen Ann (Buddy) Hudson, awaiting trial on a forgery charge, who telephoned the alarm to Station X after they heard the convicts flee. One Negro woman, who pulled the automatic alarm in the jail office, refused to tell her name or to pose for a picture.

Released by other prisoners as soon as it became evident that the escapees had fled, the victims of the delivery made an immediate check of the cells which contained 270 male prisoners. Ryan, although bloody and painfully injured on the head, remained untreated until he had given information regarding the delivery. Later Patrolmen Charles Kathman and Charles Frick took him to General Hospital.

Before the five convicts left the jail office, one of the Parsons brothers forced one of the prisoners, who remained behind, to trade his trousers and shirt for clothing bloodied during the assault.

The quintet also took time to replace their shoes before they used the jail elevator to take them to the fourth-floor level.

Apparently not wishing to leave the Courthouse by one of the main doors, and not knowing which doors were open, the five rushed into the County Planning Commission Office, where they found William W. Kelly, a draftsman.

One of them rabbit-punched Kelly on the back of the neck, telling him, "You're going to lead us out of this place!" When Kelly answered "I can't do that," he said, they forced him to accompany them through the corridors.

### JUMP FROM WINDOW.

Kelly said he was told to "go ahead and see if the way is clear." He said that when the thugs reached the first-floor corridor, they saw an open window leading to the courtyard and stopped. Jumping from the window, which is only a few feet from the top of a garage roof, the five prisoners hung from the garage roof, then dropped 25 feet into the courtyard.

Running from the automobile driveway to Sycamore Street, they tried to take an automobile away from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Schaefer, 533 East Thirteenth

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**FBI Gives Description  
Of Five Escaped Felons;  
All In Civilian Clothing**

The escaped prisoners, who are reported to be wearing civilian clothing, were described as follows by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Charles Albert Parsons, 33 years old, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 163 pounds, has medium brown eyes, dark hair, and dark complexion.

Arthur Raymond Parsons, 34, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 168 pounds, has blue eyes, sandy hair and ruddy complexion. He acts mentally deranged.

Harry Ralph Bever, 26, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has light red wavy hair, dark green eyes, bushy red eyebrows, fair complexion, and is stockily built. He wears rimless glasses. He is a cook. He has a one-half inch scar on the upper part of his nose and wears a ruby ring on his left ring finger. His teeth are poor, the left upper center being false and he has a gold crown in the upper right.

Samuel Ricketts, 28, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, has black eyes and hair, pale complexion, and is slender in build. Very nervous, he is a chain cigarette smoker.

William Isaac Radkey, 31, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs between 150 and 165 pounds, has dark brown wavy hair, and brown eyes. He has a three-quarter inch scar in the center of his forehead, a circular scar on the back of his left hand, and a scar on the palm of his left hand.

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headed for St. Paul to meet his  
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agents here. It is understood  
that the woman who was with  
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a St. Paul hotel is in Detroit  
where she went to join her hus-  
band after she had been released  
by St. Paul police.

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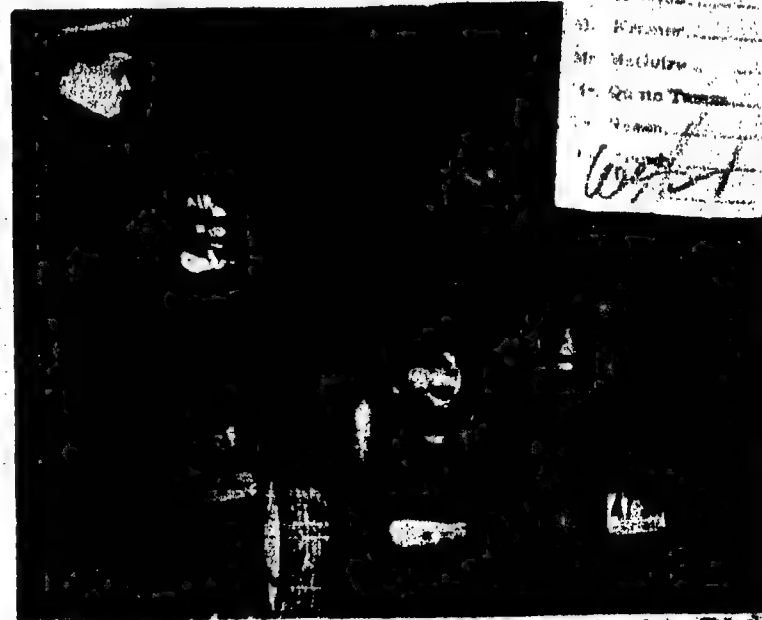
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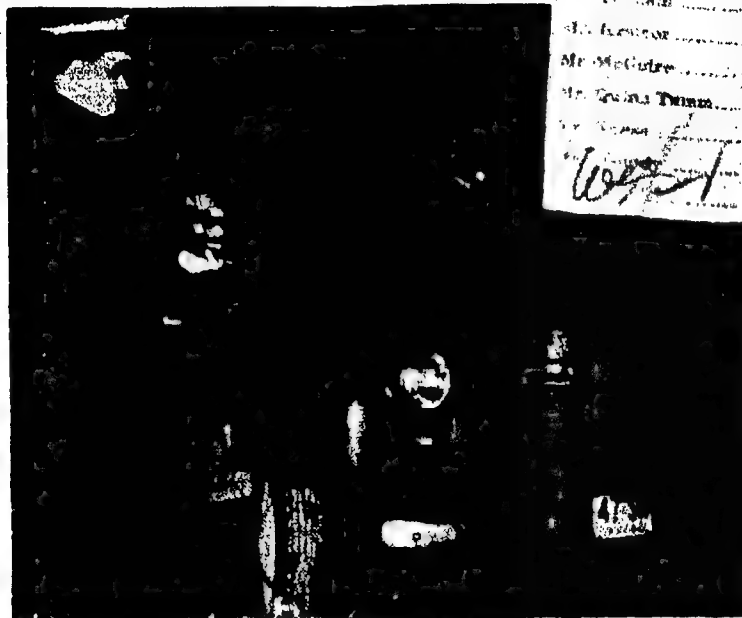
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# St. Paul Joins Wide Hunt for 3 Fleeing Gunmen— Ohio Escape Climaxes Mill City Arrest

St. Paul today joined a nation-wide hunt for three gunmen who escaped from a Cincinnati jail Friday night.



**Radtke**

The men, arrested here after the shooting of a soldier in a Minneapolis night club Nov. 25, are William Radtke, 29 years old; Sam Ricketts, 27, and Harry Bever, 26. The three teamed with Arthur Parson, 24, and Clarence Parson, 23, both under 75-year sentence for the abduction of a 15-year-old girl, in Friday night's break.

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St. Paul police and federal authorities termed the trio among the "toughest" to have hit St. Paul in many years. When arraigned before Judge George F. Sullivan in Federal District court in December for a removal hearing they were the "coolest men in the courtroom", one of the deputy U. S. marshals said.



**Ricketts**

Radtke kept kidding Bever about going to Alcatraz, but the husky redhead grinned back and said he "never would go there".

Ricketts' chief worry at that time seemed to be that he had to face an overtime parking violation in Cincinnati.

Radtke at the time of the removal hearing was recovering from a severely cut wrist he suffered jumping from a Minneapolis hotel window when St. Paul and Minneapolis police raided his room following the fracas in Minneapolis.



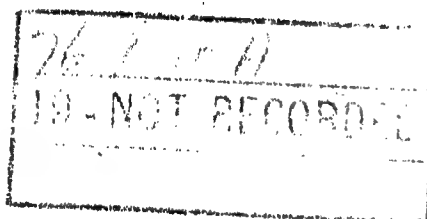
**Bever**

The trio came to the attention of the police when Bever shot Corp. Harold Bartholomew in the jaw in a dispute in the washroom of the Happy Hour night club, Minneapolis. The soldier after listening to Bever brag about how tough he is advised him to join the Army. Bever is a deserter.

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They clogged up the plumbing of the bull pen of the county jail and then demanded mops and buckets of Turnkey Dennis Ryan, 55.

When he brought them in they beat him unconscious with their shoes and locked him in the bull pen, with his own keys, with five other prisoners, including Tony Treat, 54, under life sentence for murdering a 10-year-old child. He refused to escape.

They next went to the jailer's office where they overpowered and trussed two guards with rope. Then they went to the women's quarters, locked the matron in a cell and gallantly offered two women prisoners the opportunity of escape. They refused.

The elevator took them to the basement of the court house in which the jail is located, and they fled to the street where Leslie Mann, Norwood, Ohio, and his wife were parking their auto. They jerked the Manns out of the machine and drove off. In suburban Avondale, they ran out of gaso-

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WASHINGTON NEWS  
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# Happy Hour Gang Escapes; FBI Set To Shoot It Out



GEORGE RICKETTS



HARRY BEAVER

The FBI and Ohio state peace officers today pushed an intensive hunt and prepared to shoot it out with three desperadoes, captured in Minneapolis in November, who escaped last night from a Cincinnati jail while awaiting trial for bank robbery.

Although the trio was nabbed in Minneapolis without the firing of a shot from police guns, federal agents expressed the belief the gunmen would fight it out before surrendering this time.

The thugs, George Ricketts, alias George Wright, alias George Roberts; Harry Ralph Beaver, alias Larry Dugan, and Sam Radke, alias Rubin, were caught here following the shooting of Corporal Harold Bartholomew in the washroom of the Happy Hour bar.

Bartholomew is still confined in Fort Snelling hospital with a head wound.

Minneapolis relinquished claim on the bandits, also wanted in several other cities, in order that more serious charges could be filed against them in Cincinnati. They were later indicted for bank robbery.

## HUNT MEN IN HILLS

The search for the trio, who escaped with two convicted, abductors awaiting decision on their plea for a new trial, was centering today in the hills around Cincinnati.

The five men suddenly attacked a jailer and beat him senseless with their shoes while he was taking them to their cells.

They used the jailer's keys to get into the jail office and then fled past a dispatcher to the street. They escaped in a stolen car.

## 'CAPTURED IN HOTELS

In Minneapolis the trio was rounded up within a few hours by police after Beaver had shot Bartholomew.

Beaver was traced to St. Paul and captured in a hotel room with a woman. She was later released.

Ricketts was nabbed in the Parkway hotel and Radke in the King Cole. Radke broke both wrists when he leaped from a second story hotel window in a vain effort to elude the officers.

MINNEAPOLIS TIMES  
February 13, 1943

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-314 kg**

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER with aliases, Fugitive, et al</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Boston File entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS with aliases, Fugitive, et al; Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942 - BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT" reviewed with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 2/13/43.  
Report of SA JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 2/22/43.

**DETAILS:** The Boston File entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS with aliases, Fugitive, et al; Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942 - BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT" was reviewed with negative results insofar as leads in the Boston Field Division are concerned.

During the investigation of the case mentioned, only one lead was set out for the Boston Field Division; namely, to contact the District Attorney at Boston, Mass.

No logical leads for coverage by the Boston Field Division appeared from a rereading of this report.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, I.O. #1869;<br/>ET AL - FUGITIVE</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED, FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Man fitting description of Subject reported staying at Pacific Hotel, Boise, Idaho, but investigation proved him not identical with Subject.

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**Details:**

**AT BOISE, IDAHO**

This investigation was made as a result of a complaint from Mr. LAWRENCE L. BARRY, Room 35, Pacific Hotel, Boise, Idaho, to the effect that a man staying at the Pacific Hotel bore a very marked resemblance to HARRY RALPH BEVER, I.O. #1869. Mr. BARRY stated that Mrs. L. DONAHUE, who is manager of the Pacific Hotel, had shown him a picture of the Subject and asked him who he thought the picture looked like. BARRY said that he at once thought of the man registered at the hotel going by the name of T. BAKER. Mrs. DONAHUE told BARRY that she, too, thought that BAKER might be HARRY RALPH BEVER who is being sought by the FBI.

BARRY further stated that he had read the description of BEVER on the wanted notice sent out by the FBI and that as far as he could tell BAKER fit this description very closely. He stated that the Subject had been staying at the Pacific Hotel for about three days and that he claimed to be waiting for a friend with whom he was going to Stibnite, Idaho, to accept a job as a truck driver.

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| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>1 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>2 - Butte |                         | 76-7276-103 RECORDED & INDEXED<br><div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">1 APR 8 1943</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">D63</div> |

Mrs. L. DONAHUE, room #17, Pacific Hotel, was contacted by the reporting Agent and she gave the same information that had been obtained from Mr. BARRY. She further stated that she had looked through BAKER'S suitcase and he had only one dirty shirt, a dirty pair of pants and a few dirty socks. She stated that for the first two days the Subject stayed at the Pacific Hotel he had not talked to anyone, but that on the third day he had advised her he had come to Boise from Portland, Oregon, and that he had previously lived at Olympia and Seattle, Washington. She stated that there was a tag on BAKER'S suitcase from Oakland, California, addressed to T. BAKER, Sacramento, California.

Mrs. DONAHUE stated that she had noticed from the description of BEVER that he had a small 1/2" scar on the right upper lip. She stated that BAKER also had a small scar or crease on his upper lip. She stated that BAKER also had reddish, wavy hair which would also fit the description of BEVER.

While the reporting Agent was talking with Mrs. DONAHUE, T. BAKER returned to the hotel. He was observed by the writer in the hotel lobby, which is a small inside room on the second floor. The light was very bad, but the writer did notice that BAKER bore some resemblance to Subject BEVER.

A short time later the reporting Agent, accompanied by Special Agent WILLIAM B. DILLON, Chief of Police GEORGE HASKINS and Night Captain HARRY SHERMAN, returned to the Pacific Hotel where BAKER was found to be sitting in the hotel lobby. BAKER was questioned by Special Agent WILLIAM B. DILLON and it was learned that his name was TED BAKER and that his home was in Portland, Oregon. He gave his height as 5' 8" and his weight as 170 pounds. A check revealed that BAKER did not have any scars or tattoo marks attributed to the Subject. BAKER'S fingerprints were compared with those on the wanted notice for HARRY RALPH BEVER, but the patterns were not the same.

As it appeared that TED BAKER was not identical with the Subject, he was not arrested.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
April 14, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, Et Al. *IC 1264*  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype from the Bureau dated April 2, 1943 requesting appropriate surveillance at the Main Post Office, St. Louis, Missouri.

This is to advise that the newspaper ad as set out in the letter from the Cincinnati Field Division dated March 19, 1943 was inserted in the morning and evening editions of the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the St. Louis Globe Democrat in the exact manner given by RICKETTS. In connection with this a continuous surveillance was made at the Main Post Office located at Eighteenth and Market Streets for ten consecutive nights between 8:45 P.M. and 9:15 P.M. from April 3, 1943 to April 12, 1943 inclusive; however no contacts were made, nor was the fugitive BEVER observed in the vicinity of the post office.

In view of the above information this surveillance was discontinued after the last night, April 12, 1943.

The following Agents conducted this surveillance:  
EDWARD M. WETTON, ROBERT M. HINDS, ROBERT R. ANDERSON, HUBER A. BEERY, WARREN L. LOVE, CYRIL J. RYAN, DON E. HARLEY, and  
ELMO C. MINCHER.

Very truly yours,

*G. B. Norris*  
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FILE NO. **76-336 RF**

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>SAMUEL MICHELLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE; CLARENCE<br/>ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ARTHUR<br/>RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

File reviewed with negative results. Police Department and Highway Patrol Memphis notified to be on lookout for subjects.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated 2-23-43 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Teletype from Cincinnati to Louisville, Indianapolis, Springfield, Kansas City, St. Louis, Little Rock, Oklahoma City, and Memphis, dated 2-18-43.

**DETAILS:** In accordance with the undeveloped lead in reference report set out for all offices receiving copies of reference report, this Office reviewed its files with a view toward developing any information which could be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subject, with negative results.

The reference teletype requested that all offices receiving copy thereof should immediately notify Highway Police and all law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for subjects, and in accordance therewith the Memphis Police Department and Highway Patrol were notified at 1:15 AM February 18, 1943.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

707 U. S. COURT HOUSE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

ATTENTION:  
Identification Division

DIRECTOR - FBI

April 6, 1943

Dear Sir:

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1869, ET AL  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT PREVIOUS RECORD OF 1931-1932

In connection with this investigation, the file indicates that GERALD LOWELL WALTERS, Kansas City, Missouri Police No. 8992, as of 4-22-41, was at one time the owner of a .32 caliber Colt automatic pistol #484515, which was found among the effects of Subjects at the time they were arrested at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Endeavor has been made at Kansas City to locate WALTERS for the purpose of interview with the thought in mind he may have information concerning Fugitive BEVER that would be of interest to this investigation. I have received information that WALTERS is reported to be employed in some shipyard in the San Francisco District, the name or exact location of this shipyard not being known to this office.

As it is possible WALTERS' prints have been forwarded in to the Bureau, it is requested his fingerprint file be reviewed to ascertain his latest arrest or whether his fingerprints have been forwarded in by any agency indicating his present place of employment.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA                              | DATE WHEN MADE<br>4/1/43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>3/16, 18, 22,<br>4/1/43 | REPORT MADE BY<br>DANIEL F. McTILLIAN, SA<br>pon                     |
| TITLE<br>HARRY RALPH BEVEL, was - FUGITIVE,<br>I. O. #1869, et al. |                          |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**






Thirty-day covers placed on homes of ALMA PETERSON and ESTHER ANDERSON at Minneapolis, friends of Subjects RICKETTS and RADKAY, made with negative results. Both advise they have not heard from Subject BEVER but will notify St. Paul office in the event they do hear anything. Four housewives, Lanesboro, Minnesota, stated to Police Department that city that they have identified an individual as Subject BEVER, which individual had been mooching handouts at their homes on March 5, 1943. Police Department conducted investigation with negative results. Letter secured by Minneapolis Police Department from one MILNE CASTLELL, Hawthorne, California, who states he is well acquainted with Subject BEVER.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent DANIEL F. McMILLIAN, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 6, 1943.

DETAILS:

Recently, mail covers have been maintained on the residence address of ALMA PETERSON, at 2319 First Avenue South, girl friend of Subject RICKETTS, and on the address of ESTHER ANDERSON, c/o Kenwood Hotel, Apartment 307, Minneapolis, girl friend of Subject RADKAY, with negative results. Both girls have been interviewed on several occasions by the writer as to any knowledge they may have received concerning Subject BEVER, with negative results. Both girls inform, however, that should they receive any information concerning BEVER's whereabouts, they will immediately notify the St. Paul Office.

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By letter dated March 16, 1943, GLEN C. SAWYER, Attorney-at-Law, Lanesboro, Minnesota, County Attorney of Freeport County, informed that several residents, housewives, of Lanesboro, after seeing the recent bulletins with photographs of the five men wanted, insist that the third man down on the left of the February 15, 1943 bulletin, RALPH BEVER, was in Lanesboro on March 5, 1943, calling on the housewives and asking for something to eat. They placed the date because that was the day they had a cub meeting of the local Boy Scout unit. They say that this man had apparently blackened up his face with a poor job of coloring, to make himself look like a negro, trying to use a Southern dialect. They say he was very poorly dressed; that when they turned him down for food, he almost ran in leaving. When about four or more women from whom he had asked for food insisted that this was the man pictured in the bulletin, Mr. SAWYER believed that there must be something to it.

It is to be noted that this information was furnished on March 16, 1943, approximately 11 days after the supposed identification by the housewives at Lanesboro.

The Police Department at Lanesboro conducted an investigation to locate the individual suspected of being identical with BEVER, with negative results. It is believed that it would be useless at this time to conduct any further investigation in that vicinity.

On March 31, 1943, the writer was in the office of Captain McLASNEY, Detective of the Minneapolis Police Department. He handed the writer a letter which he had received from one MILES CAMPBELL, 529 East 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, dated March 22, 1943, which states that he was recently reading an article in the "Official Detective Stories," regarding the capture of the Subjects in this case at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that he recognized a photograph of LARRY DUGAN, the principal character in the story, as a good friend of his wife and himself; that he knew this individual as RALPH "RED" BEVER. He informed that they first met "RED" BEVER and his wife, DIXIE, about three years ago when he and his wife came to work in a cafe in Ontario, California where CAMPBELL and his wife were working; that they soon became good friends. He informed that he, CAMPBELL, quit this cafe a short time later and went to work at North American Aviation in Inglewood, California, where he is now employed. He informed that a few months after he quit at Ontario, California, BEVER and his wife, DIXIE, separated. He informed that he tried to persuade BEVER to go to work at the North American Aviation. He stated that BEVER was very blue about his wife, DIXIE, leaving, and decided to follow her back to Kansas City. At that time he promised CAMPBELL that he would come back out and that CAMPBELL was to assist him in getting a job at the North American. He informed that this was over a year ago and that he had not heard from BEVER since.

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He informed that he did not approve of BEVER's actions, but that he knew there is a lot of good in him; that he would like to let him know that some day when he gets out of jail that he could feel free to come and see him and that if he could help him get a job or help him get a new start, in any way, that he would do so.

The Los Angeles Field Division is being requested to interview MILES CAMPBELL at 529 East 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, and secure from him all the information in his possession about Subject BEVER.

On a recent date, Captain McLASKEY of the Minneapolis Police Department informed Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN that he would like to have the 300 Savage rifle, Serial number 401896, which was recovered from the Subjects in this case. He stated that this is the only gun that they would like to have and that, as far as the Department is concerned, the Bureau can retain the other guns taken from the Subjects in this case.

A letter was directed to the Cincinnati Office, March 25, requesting that when instant gun has served its purpose that consideration be taken to the fact that Captain McLASKEY would like to have instant 300 Savage rifle for his Department.

By a letter dated March 30, 1943, the Cincinnati Office informed that, inasmuch as Subject HARRY BEVER is presently at large, and that, inasmuch as instant rifle may be of evidentiary value at a later date, it would be impossible to comply with the request made by Captain McLASKEY at this time. However, it was informed that all the guns recovered from the Subjects in this case by Captain McLASKEY would be forwarded to the Bureau for disposal upon the expiration of the trial of Subject BEVER for bank robbery, at which time the request made by Captain McLASKEY will be forwarded to the Bureau for its consideration.

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The Los Angeles Field Division

At Hawthorne, California:

At 529 East 126th Street, will interview one MILES CAMPBELL and secure all information in his possession regarding Subject BEVER, inasmuch as he may be in possession of valuable information concerning BEVER's past activities and friends.

The Cincinnati Field Division

At Cincinnati, Ohio:

Subsequent to the apprehension of Subject BEVER and subsequent to the forwarding of instant guns to the Bureau for disposition, will request the Bureau to forward the 300 Savage rifle, serial number 431396, to the Minneapolis Police Department, as per request made by Captain McLASKEY.

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File No. 76-964

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| Report Made at  | Date Made | Period Made                    | Report Made by                                  |
| CINCINNATI, OHIO  | 3/20/43   | 2/22-28 incl.;<br>3/1, 8, 9/43 | JOHN A. REITER                                  |
| Title   |           |                                | MEM   |
| HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias, I.O. #1869,<br>et al. - FUGITIVE |           |                                | ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

Synopsis of Facts: Subjects RICKETTS and RATHAY apprehended by Bureau Agents at Kansas City, Missouri, March 1 and 2, 1943. U. S. Attorney, Cincinnati, ordered removal on Federal Escape Act, \$25000 bond each returnable forthwith. Subjects returned to Cincinnati by U. S. Marshal on March 6, 1943; presently incarcerated in Cincinnati Work House pending trial for bank robbery. Numerous logical leads investigated with negative results as to whereabouts of Subject BEVER. Grocery store holdup in Felicity, Ohio found to have been committed by persons other than Subjects in this case. Car belonging to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, stolen at Cincinnati by Subjects, recovered at Louisville, Kentucky March 5, 1943; owner notified. Medical kit taken from Dr. WILSON same time recovered by Kansas City Office; has been returned to the owner.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 22, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent EDWARD M. NETTON dated February 25, 1943 at St. Louis, Missouri.

Bureau letters dated February 22, 25, 26, 1943 (Bureau File No. 76-964)

Teletype dated February 26, 1943 from Kansas City Field Division.

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## DETAILS:

By teletype dated at Kansas City, March 2, 1943, the Kansas City office advised that Subject WILLIAM RATHKAY was apprehended by Bureau Agents on March 1, and Subject SAMUEL RICKETTS was also apprehended by Bureau Agents and representatives of the Kansas City Police Department on early morning March 2; that Fugitive BEVER is still at large, believed to be in Kansas City or immediate vicinity.

Assistant U. S. Attorney, VERN E. WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio, on being apprised of the fact that Subjects RICKETTS and RATHKAY were apprehended, requested that they be removed to the Southern District of Ohio under the Federal Escape Act, and subsequently forwarded certified papers to the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, requesting bond of \$25000 on each Subject, returnable forthwith.

Subjects RICKETTS and RATHKAY were returned to the Southern District of Ohio on March 6, 1943 by the U. S. Marshal; were incarcerated in the Cincinnati Work House pending trial for bank robbery.

During the investigation of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, bank robbery charge for which the Subjects were being held at the time of their escape, Miss CONNIE DEUVOROS, former girl friend of Subject RATHKAY while he was in Cincinnati, Ohio prior to the instant bank robbery, furnished the Cincinnati Office with correspondence which she had with RATHKAY in November 1942. One of the letters written to Miss DEUVOROS by Subject RATHKAY carried return address of S. I. REUBIN (known alias of Subject RATHKAY) 1512 South Bethany, Kansas City, Kansas, care of Mrs. IDA MATTHEWS. There is a possibility that Subject RATHKAY made contact with Mrs. MATTHEWS. This information was furnished the Kansas City Office by teletype on February 22, 1943.

Teletype dated February 24, 1943 from the Bureau advised that one latent fingerprint appearing on lift marked, "Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. M 95907, Ohio License No. 17-SH" was identified as being identical with the right middle finger impression of known print of Subject HARRY MILNE BEVER, indicating that Subject BEVER took part in the larceny of the second automobile after making their escape from the Hamilton County Jail February 13, 1943.

On February 24, 1943 the Milwaukee Field office by teletype requested numbers of gasoline ration books which were stolen from Dr. CLOTCEWILLER. These numbers were furnished the Milwaukee Office by teletype same date so that appropriate stops at gasoline rationing

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Boards in the Milwaukee Field Office area might be placed.

On February 25, 1943 at about 7:30 P. M. Sheriff THOMAS BROOKS of Batavia, Ohio telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office, advising that he had just received a call from a Mr. EVANS, Proprietor of Evans Grocery Store in Felicity, Ohio, stating that his store had been held up and robbed by two armed men at about 6:30 P. M. that date. The Sheriff stated that the armed men took a quantity of canned goods and money from the cash register.

The Cincinnati Field Office telephonically contacted Mr. EVANS, Felicity, Ohio, at which time he advised that three men drove up in front of his grocery store while his sister was the only clerk on duty, and after getting out of the car two of them had entered the store and had approached his sister to purchase canned goods. After realizing that the sister was the only clerk on duty, the men flourished guns and robbed her of the canned goods and the money in the cash register, during the process of which one of the men struck Mr. EVANS' sister in the forehead with a black jack. Mr. EVANS stated that the only information that his sister could give was that the men were riding in a blue sedan with black and white license.

Mr. EVANS stated further that a Mr. E. J. WELLS, Ex-Mayor of Felicity, Ohio, had appeared on the scene a short time later and had proceeded to the Post Office in Felicity and got the Bureau flyer which was issued on the escape of the original five subjects, which he showed to Mr. EVANS' sister. Mr. EVANS stated that his sister had positively identified two men on this poster as having robbed her.

On receipt of this information the writer accompanied by Special Agent ROBERT J. WELLS, proceeded to Felicity, Ohio where Miss LENORA KATHLEEN EVANS, clerk on duty at the Evans Brothers Store, stated at about 5:40 P. M. the evening of February 25 she looked outside and saw a light blue sedan with black license plates and white letters. She stated that when she saw two men get out of this automobile, which was parked directly in front of the store, she immediately got suspicious. She stated that she went to the cash drawer and took from it all paper currency which she threw under the counter. She stated that in this manner she saved most of the currency that was in the cash drawer. It was noted from the description that she gave of the two men that it fit somewhat in detail the descriptions of Subjects BEVER and RICHARDS in this case.

When asked to explain the method of operation in the

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robbery she explained that the #1 man asked for a jar of peanut butter, requesting at the same time the best brand carried by the store, at which point the #2 man came up with a blue steel revolver, which she stated was about 8" in length. At this point the #1 man said, "Go sit down," to which #2 replied, "She ain't going fast enough, boy." #2 brought her around in back of the counter on the opposite side of the store and struck her across the forehead with a black jack. She stated that she was knocked unconscious and believed that she was unconscious for approximately ten or fifteen minutes.

She stated that while #2 man was walking her around the counter on the opposite side she saw #1 man get some canned goods, which he put in a brown shopping bag, and also took silver and currency from the cash drawer.

Miss EVANS stated that some time after this one of the customers came into the store and found her unconscious. It should be noted that no customers were in the store during this robbery.

Miss EVANS was then closely questioned as to her identification of photographs that she had made from a poster which had been brought to her by Mr. E. J. WILKS. She stated that she identified the photograph of the man farthest to the top on the right hand side of the poster as being one of the Subjects who robbed her. It will be noted that this is a photograph of Subject RICHMONTS.

Miss EVANS was then exhibited ten photographs of various other police characters, in which had been placed the photographs of Subjects RICHMONTS, PARKER, and BEVER. Miss EVANS, after some deliberation, picked up the photograph of Subject BEVER and stated she believed he was one of the men. She did not recognize the photograph of Subject RICHMONTS as she had done on the Bureau flyer.

By close questioning of Miss EVANS it was ascertained that her identification of RICHMONTS on the poster might have been prompted to some extent by Mr. E. J. WILKS, who stated to her that no doubt three of the men on this poster were probably responsible for the robbery.

In that information was developed by the Kansas City Office indicating that Subjects RICHMONTS, BEVER and PARKER were in Kansas City at approximately the time of this robbery in Felicity, Ohio, it is certain that Subjects did not take part in the robbery in Felicity, Ohio.



Information was also received by the Cincinnati Office on the evening of February 24, which was the evening preceding the robbery in Felicity, Ohio, to the effect that three men had driven into the SOHIO Service Station on Ohio Route No. 4, Springdale, Ohio about 11:30 P. M., which Service Station was found to be owned and operated by Mr. HENRY KUHR. They were driving a four-door Sedan which was described as a Chrysler product and at the time they drove into the KUHR station there was a flat tire on the right rear wheel, which the men stated had been caused by their car striking a guard rail along Route No. 4 as they entered Springdale, Ohio from the north.

While requesting HENRY KUHR to change the tire the three men changed the license tags from Indiana license to those of Mercer County, Kentucky license. They purchased from KUHR twelve gallons of gasoline and gave him three ration stamps from a "C" ration book on back of which they wrote the Ohio license 708 LV.

HENRY KUHR was subsequently interviewed by Special Agents EARL H. FISHER, FRED P. DODD, and ROBERT C. WEISSELSBERG, at which time KUHR stated that the entire right side of the car when it was driven into his station was bashed in, both right fenders and both doors being damaged. KUHR also stated that while in the station the occupants of the car asked whether there were any automobiles in that vicinity inasmuch as they were interested in buying secondhand cars.

KUHR stated that during the process of changing license plates none of the men appeared to be nervous or excited in any way, and that they proceeded about their business in a calm and collected manner.

KUHR stated that there were five other individuals, all of whom resided in Springdale, Ohio, who had occasion to observe these men, and KUHR gave their names as follows:

CHARLIE KING  
CLYDE BURNETT  
JOHN RUEL  
ALBERT HAYES

All of these men had been in the vicinity of the Service Station at the time the car drove in. KUHR also furnished the name of BEN SINGER, who had heard the car crash into the guard rail just north of the Service Station.

KUER stated that upon leaving his Service Station the car was seen heading toward Cincinnati. KUER advised the Agents that he could recall to a small extent the way the individuals appeared to him. He described them as being short, possibly not more than 5'6", apparently well-dressed in brown suit with a white shirt and tie. The other two individuals were described as being not so well-dressed, without neckties, one of whom was stocky and short, dressed in gray trousers; the other, slightly taller, possibly 5'8", and fairly thin.

Photograph of Subject RICHETS, BEVER, and RATHY were exhibited to KUER by the Agents, at which time KUER stated that he had only 10% vision and was unable to identify any of the photographs exhibited to him.

The morning of February 25, 1943 the writer contacted CHARLIE KING, CLYDE BURNETT, and JOHN RUEL at the HENRY KUER service station, Springdale, Ohio, at which time photographs were exhibited to him of Subjects RICHETS, RATHY and BEVER. None of the men were able to effect an identification.

In view of the fact that the description given by MISS LINDA EVANS of the three men who took part in the Evans Store robbery in Felicity, Ohio on the evening of February 25, compared in many respects to those given by HENRY KUER and others at Springdale, Ohio, plus the fact that a local resident in Felicity, Ohio, Mrs. LYDA MITTS, had seen a car parked on Main Street near the Evans store which was damaged on one side, it appeared that the robbery at Felicity, Ohio was perpetrated by the same men who appeared at Springdale, Ohio on the previous night. Therefore, the information which had been obtained by the Cincinnati Office was immediately transmitted to Mr. THOMAS BROOKS, Sheriff of Clermont County, Batavia, Ohio, on February 27, 1943.

Deputies under Sheriff BROOKS are presently conducting intensive investigations which may lead to the perpetrators of the robbery at Felicity, Ohio.

On February 26, 1943 Sergeant HEBBES, Cincinnati Police Department, Detective Division, called at the Cincinnati Office, at which time he furnished the following information that he had obtained from Officer WERN of the Indiana State Highway Patrol Station at Seymour, Indiana last week, to the effect that a young boy by the name of BILLIE SHANK was called from his classes in Grade School at Scottsburg, Indiana at

at 1:00 P. M., Wednesday, February 17, 1943 in order to take a telephone call. According to Officer WYNN, BILIE SIMON spoke to some woman on the telephone who questioned him at length as to where his parents were presently living and working. BILIE SIMON was confused by the telephone call and did not learn who the woman was who called him, but was under the impression that it was a Long Distance call.

According to Officer WYNN, Sergeant EBBERS learned that Subject BEVER has relatives residing in the vicinity of Scottsburg, Indiana. The source of information through which Officer WYNN obtained this is not known. This information was immediately furnished to the Special Agent in Charge at Indianapolis by Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. A. CHENSHAIN telephonically on same date.

In teletype dated at Chicago, Illinois February 26, 1943, the Chicago Field Office advised that an ISAAC BERNARD, residing on South Street, Danville, Illinois, had informed Deputy Sheriff MERLIE at Danville, Illinois, to the effect that at 8:00 P. M. the night of February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, while in the Bluebird Inn, State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, he had seen Subject WILLIAM ISAAC RATHAY with four other men in the above tavern. Sheriff MERLIE advised the Chicago Office that BERNARD did not have an opportunity to talk to RATHAY but had stated that he knows the Subject personally. BERNARD claimed further that he did not know RATHAY had escaped, and was not aware of the fact until he saw photographs of RATHAY on Wanted Notices which were issued by the Bureau in the Sheriff's Office at Danville, Illinois. The Springfield Office was requested to contact ISAAC BERNARD immediately for complete information.

A teletype dated same date at Cincinnati, Ohio, advised the Chicago and Springfield, Illinois offices to the effect that Subject RATHAY was in Cincinnati at 9:30 P. M. the night of February 12 and was also known to have been in Cincinnati the evening of February 16. Further, that the only means of transportation by which RATHAY could possibly have been in Danville, Illinois would have been by airplane which left 6:30 P. M., which would only be ten minutes after the jail break. Further, that there is no direct connection by airplane to Danville, Illinois, and that the Subject would have to land at Indianapolis, Indiana and then proceed by other mode of travel.

In that the Subjects did not escape from Hamilton County Jail until the evening of February 13, Subject RATHAY could not have

been in Danville, Illinois on the evening of February 12.

In reference report of Kansas City dated February 26, 1943 advising that in the car abandoned by Subject when eluding Kansas City Police was found a fireman's coat bearing name of Captain H. MILLER, dated January 1926, No. 15538, which was manufactured at Cincinnati, Ohio by LEVY and FRIEDMAN. It should be noted that this coat was taken from 628 Crown Street where Subjects BEVER, RUTLEY and RICKETTS are known to have stayed for three days after their escape, and to which address they also took Dr. CLOYCE WILSON after they kidnapped him. It should be noted that 628 Crown Street is presently owned by Miss FLORA MILLER, sister to Captain MILLER, retired Cincinnati fireman who was murdered about three years ago in Indiana. The coat is the same as described by Dr. CLOYCE WILSON as being worn by Subject RUTLEY the night the doctor was kidnapped.

As to the doctor's medical kit recovered at the same time by the Kansas City Office, it should be noted that it has been received from the Kansas City Office and returned to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue.

As to undeveloped lead in reference report concerning the information furnished by Detective JOHN DAVIS, Cincinnati Police Department, that one LUCILLE BLANFORD, formerly residing at 410 Katherine Street, Cincinnati, reported as former wife of Subject RICKETTS, information was obtained from rural mail-carrier JIM WESTER, Batavia, Ohio, that LUCILLE BLANFORD was the wife of JACK GAGNON, the latter being deceased since July 1942; that Mrs. GAGNON was presently operating a tavern in Mount Holly, Ohio, which had been owned by her husband at the time of his death.

He stated that LUCILLE GAGNON was a cripple, as per information given by the informant to Detective JOHN DAVIS, and was no doubt the same person referred to by Detective DAVIS's informant.

Information was also obtained from Mr. WESTER that sister of LUCILLE GAGNON, formerly known as EDITH BLANFORD, was presently in Balluffonia, Ohio. Mr. WESTER stated that he knew Mrs. GAGNON very well, and was certain that if there was any truth in the fact that either her sister was the former wife of Subject RICKETTS it would have to be EDITH instead of LUCILLE.

On February 25, 1943 writer contacted Chief of Police J. W. KADY at Balluffonia, Ohio, at which time a check was made of all

city directories, rationing boards, as well as the records of the Post Office at Bellefontaine. No information was developed concerning EDITH BLANFORD CRAFT. Chief RADEN advised that inasmuch as over the last period of years known criminals were known to have hide-outs at Russell's Point, Ohio, he suggested that an inquiry be made of Mr. O. E. TAIT, Marshal, Russell's Point, Ohio, as to possibility of any strangers having been seen in the vicinity of Russell's Point.

Accordingly, Mr. TAIT was contacted at Russell's Point, Ohio, at which time he advised that he had been Marshal for several years and was also a Deputy Sheriff of that county. When advised of the possibility that the escapees from the Hamilton County Jail might be hiding out at Russell's Point, Mr. TAIT advised that he was familiar with every cabin and did not believe that Subjects were hiding there at that time. However, in further conversation with the Marshal it was determined that during July 1942 numerous underworld characters were known to have been at Russell's Point. Two of these are known to Marshal TAIT, and are also well known to the Cincinnati Office, one being CARL HUGO MARXBERRY, who is presently a fugitive on National Stolen Property case entitled, "LEAL MERRY LUTZ, v. ss. Et Al."; and GUS "SWEDEN" NORDBERG, who was also subject in this case.

Information was set out in early reports in the case entitled, "LIVINE LE BRANCH, STOLEN NATIONAL BANK ROBBERY" to the effect that Subject NORDBERG, who was then and still is incarcerated in Federal custody for Selective Service violation, was known to be a close associate of Subjects RITELY, RICKETS and BEVER while all of them were incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail. Considering the possibility that NORDBERG might have advised Subjects RITELY, BEVER and RICKETS of this hide-out possibility, Marshal TAIT was advised of these connections. The Marshal stated that he would make immediate arrangements with several gamblers he knew in the vicinity of Russell's Point, Ohio, so that any information concerning the three escapees would come to him if it was known that they were hiding out in the vicinity.

The Bureau by letter dated February 26, advised that from latent fingerprints developed at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, that the three Subjects in this case were known to have stayed, three latent fingerprints were noted to be of value for comparison purposes, which were identified as being identical with the right thumb impression of Subject JOHN PAUL BLAKE, FPI# 2413512.

In teletype dated at Louisville, Kentucky February 27, 1943, the Louisville Office advised that Subject RITELY appeared at the Jewish Hospital, 236 East Kentucky Street, Louisville, at approximately 1:30 P. M. February 22, 1943 regarding an injury to his right heel, and was

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at that time referred to Dr. ~~AUSTIN~~ BLOCH, who is attached to the Staff of that hospital. Further, that RATHLY then visited Dr. BLOCH at his office in the WEISS-GAUL APARTMENTS, 316 West Broadway, Louisville, and was there given an examination by Dr. BLOCH, who ascertained that RATHLY had a fractured right heel and a superficial flesh wound on the shin of same leg. RATHLY was instructed by Dr. BLOCH to call at the Jewish Hospital the morning of February 23 for an X-Ray of the heel.

At approximately 7:45 A. M. February 23, RATHLY appeared at Jewish Hospital and an X-Ray was taken of his heel by Dr. WILLIAM C. MARTIN. The X-Ray revealed a fractured heel, and RATHLY was then referred to Dr. BLOCH who advised RATHLY to have his heel put in a plaster cast, at which time RATHLY stated that he would have this done in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was going, and where he had a job with the Richmond Clothing Company. He gave a Cleveland address as 5607 Dibble Street. RATHLY was also given the negatives of the X-Ray pictures.

He gave the following personal history to the hospital: His name as FRANK ZOGLIN; residence, 1004 South First Street, Louisville, Kentucky; age, 32; born September 24, 1911 at St. Louis, Missouri; Father, GEORGE ZOGLIN, R. R. No. 31, Bedford, Kentucky; Mother, MARY ZOGLIN.

Dr. BLOCH and Mrs. FLORA MARSH, switchboard operator and receptionist, at the Jewish Hospital, positively identified photographs exhibited to them of Subject RATHLY.

The Louisville Office also advised that the address of 1004 South First Street, Louisville, was a rooming house which was put under immediate surveillance. In front of this rooming house was noted to be parked a 1941 Maroon Buick Sedan bearing Indiana license 907-210. Indianapolis was requested to check this number by telephone.

It should be noted that in reference teletype dated at Kansas City February 26, 1943, X-Ray photographs with notation in pencil "Referred by Dr. (300) BLOCH, M.D. 2-23-43, fracture of right heel". Instant photographs, as well as other effects found in 1938 Pontiac Motor Camps, Motor No. A 93142, which was recovered by Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, have been received by the Cincinnati Office and are being retained as evidence.

Reference is made to Laboratory report dated February 26, 1943 as to Specimens Q1, one shoe postmarked Louisville, Kentucky,

February 17, 1943, addressed to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio; Q2, Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Doctor is in a corner...."; Q3, Envelope postmarked Louisville, Kentucky; February 17, 1943, addressed to Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Q4, accompanying handwritten note beginning "Man tied up in....".

Laboratory reported that no definite conclusion could be reached as to whether any of the Subjects wrote the questioned evidence because the writing was not comparable. However, similarities were noted which indicated that the questioned writing was possibly written by Subject RALPH BOWER.

It should be noted that Subject RICKETTS in interview at the Cincinnati Workhouse after being returned from Kansas City admitted to Special Agent M. J. H. KINS and the writer that he had Subject RITELY write these letters on their arrival in Louisville, Ky.

On March 1, 1943 Special Agent MILLER of the Louisville Field Division telephonically advised the Cincinnati Office that the automobile used by the three escaped fugitives at Kansas City was a 1940 Pontiac Coupe, Maroon in color, with 1942 Missouri license plates #728-902. Agent Miller requested any information that had been developed regarding recovery of the car taken from Dr. CLOYCE WILSON by the three Subjects.

By teletype dated March 5, 1943 the Louisville Office advised that 1939 Chrysler Sedan, Motor No. C-18-8092, bearing 1942 Ohio license plates 242-AK, was recovered by Agents of that office in private garage in rear of home of Mrs. GILSON BROYLES, 212 East Catherine Street, Louisville, Ky., which was two and one-half blocks southeast of Jewish Hospital, also advising the car was apparently in running condition. It should be noted that this is the automobile taken from Dr. CLOYCE WILSON when he was kidnapped and taken to 620 Green Street. Dr. WILSON was notified of the recovery on March 8, 1943, and the local police were notified on same date to the effect that the car had been recovered.

On March 1, 1943 teletype dated at Kansas City was addressed to the Special Agent in Charge at Denver to the effect that an informant advised he believed that all three fugitives sometime last summer visited EARL RUSSE, 1470 Josephine Street, who is employed at the Recordak Corporation, 1638 California Street, both Denver. RUSSE is reported as a brother-in-law of HARRY "BUDDY" GUNDEL, who is known to be an associate of Subject RITELY. Teletype requested Denver to check as to possible contacts of fugitives with RUSSE. No undeveloped lead is being set out for the Denver Office.

The following is list of evidence which was taken from Subjects RATHY and RICKETTS and the 1938 Pontiac car recovered at Kansas City, Missouri, which was received by the Cincinnati Office and is being retained as evidence:

FROM RATHY:

- 1 Key - Yale Junior /10
- 1 Blank prescription form
- 1 Receipt #2886 Jewish Hospital Louisville, Ky. for \$5.00, issued to "FRANK ZOGLER".
- 1 "A" Ration Book #569279
- 1 "C" Ration Book - no front cover - back cover bears name, "Dr. CLOYCE WILSON".

FROM RICKETTS:

- 1 "C" Ration book cover F659032U2
- 1 "C" Ration book cover F659031U2
- 1-First. Hite Marshal's badge Cincinnati
- 1 Small Master Key
- 1 Pa. St. Regis paper with pencil notation figures on gasoline mileage and 19 white envelopes, which RICKETTS said was same type as that written to the Cincinnati police as to the location of tie-up of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON.

1938 PONTIAC:

- 1 Doctor's grip containing surgical instruments and medicines
- 1 Manila brown env. l.p. with markings: "Punctured right heel - referred by OSCAR BLOCH, M. D. - 2-12-45 (found in glove compartment and containing two X-Ray negatives, apparently of RATHY'S injured heel)
- 2 X-Ray negatives of a person's heel and foot
- 1 Pair brown leather gloves

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1938 FOOTING (CONTINUED):

- 1 Pair White Gloves with knit top
- 1 Gray, orange stripe angora jacket
- 1 Brown felt hat marked "Super Quality Felt, hand finished, waterbuok process, size 7-1/8"
- 1 Gray herringbone vest and pants to match
- 1 Brown stripe vest and pants to match
- 1 Fireman's coat, containing constitution and by-laws of Firemans Protective Association of Cincinnati, Ohio; Official oath signed HENRY RICHARD MILLER, April 4, 1929. Name in coat Captain H. MILLER dated January 1926 #15638, initials inside pocket "H. M.", made by LEVY & PHILPAIN, 809 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Papers in pocket marked "Cincinnati Cigarette Case Company" and two envelopes of "Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Avenue, St. Louis"
- 1 Fireman's cap, size 7-1/8, manufactured by Feckhauer Bros. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio

On March 9, 1943 the Kansas City Office by teletype advised the Special Agent in Charge at Denver that police in Kansas City had received information to the effect that BEVER might be hitchhiking enroute Denver, Colorado from Leavenworth, Kansas. No other information available as to this.

On February 22, 1943 Lieutenant JACOB SCHMIDT, Second District, Cincinnati Police Department, telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office at approximately 9:30 P.M., at which time he stated that JUNE BLOD, alias JUNE WITLOCK, was a girl friend of Subject RICHARDS and was at that time in a restaurant about one block from District 2 Headquarters, and that Lieutenant SCHMIDT had been talking to another boy friend of this girl who had told him that JUNE BLOD was going to visit RICHARDS on February 23, 1943 somewhere in Indiana.

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The writer contacted Lieutenant SCHMIDT, at which time the Lieutenant introduced one JOHN ALBERT MULHOLLAND, 4607 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, who had given Lieutenant SCHMIDT the original information. Upon interview MULHOLLAND stated that he had obtained the information from a Mr. MOORE, who was running the Student Prince Bar located on Pearl Street near Sycamore, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MULHOLLAND stated that he knew JUANITA ELROD very well and had been a boy friend of hers at one time. He stated that after told him that she was a former girl friend of RICKETTS and had a child by him. MULHOLLAND stated that he asked JUANITA about it, at which time she admitted this to be true, and stated she was leaving for Indiana that evening or the first thing the following morning.

Arrangements were made with MULHOLLAND to have the girl pointed out to the writer when he stated that she was at that moment at the Skilalah Night Club at the corner of Pearl and Laidlaw Avenues. Surveillance was then immediately placed on the night club by the writer and assistance was obtained from the Cincinnati Office of Special Agents PAUL RIFFLE and JOSEPH C. VANNUCH. After numerous trips to various cafes and night clubs JUANITA ELROD was found leaving the Five & Ten restaurant, located on Sycamore at Pearl Street, in a Parkway cab, license number 360 DS at 12:40 P. M. February 22, to 225 Court Street, which is directly opposite the Hamilton County Jail from which the three Subjects originally escaped. Surveillance of this address was maintained until 3:00 A. M., at which time JUANITA ELROD was again seen leaving this address and walked south on Sycamore to what is known as the "bottoms" in the vicinity of Pearl and Broadway, where it was noted that she again went on a drinking spree and was noted to become quite intoxicated.

Due to the meager, positive information which MULHOLLAND furnished, the writer contacted Mrs. FLORENCE MOWERY, 225 Court Street, who was seen leaving the restaurant with JUANITA ELROD, at which time Mrs. MOWERY advised that sometime during the night JUANITA had left her apartment, which was just one room, while she was fast asleep and had stolen \$6 from Mrs. MOWERY's purse. When advised of the information that JUANITA was possibly associating with one of the Subjects who had escaped from the County Jail Mrs. MOWERY stated that while she did not think it was true she believed that she would be able to obtain the information from Mr. MOORE, the Proprietor of the Student Prince Bar.

It was noted that Mrs. MOWERY, like JUANITA ELROD, is a heavy drinker, and her first question to the Agent was concerning what amount of money would be paid to her for giving this information. It was

agreed with Mrs. MOWERY that if she obtained the information which could be traced to be the truth it would be made worth her while.

On February 23, Mrs. MOWERY contacted the writer and advised that she had learned that JENNIE ELROD originated in Elrod, Indiana and that her parents resided there at the present time. She also learned the child presently staying with JENNIE'S parents belongs to JENNIE, and that the father of this child was none other than the original informant JOE I. MULHOLLAND.

Detective JOHN DAVIS advised the writer that he is very familiar with Elrod, Indiana, in that his wife originates there, and that she has known the Elrod family over some period of years. He also advised that he knew JENNIE ELROD to be nothing but a common prostitute, and in fact has served time on several occasions for this practice, and was sentenced to six months in the Cincinnati Workhouse on March 2, last for practicing common prostitution.

It is believed that the information furnished by Mrs. MOWERY was for the greater part the truth and monetary reward has been given to her.

On March 8, 1943 Patrolman W. C. WATT, Fourth District, Police Department, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that one CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE had advised him that Subject BEVER was at that time at 1322 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he was to leave for Cincinnati, Ohio by bus that night.

Upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge, Special Agent HOWARD LOWMEYER was telephonically contacted at the Cleveland Office and requested to ascertain if there was any truth in the information furnished by Patrolman WATT'S informant.

On March 9, 1943 the writer contacted Patrolman WATT, Fourth District Headquarters, at which time he advised that his informant, CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE, had apparently received his information through a woman known as ELSIE ROSE, who resides at the Oxford Hotel, 523 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, in that FRYE had told him he had seen a letter which had been received by ELSIE ROSE from Subject BEVER.

The same date Mr. J. C. COLTAN, Assistant Manager of the Oxford Hotel, was contacted by the writer, at which time Mr. COLTAN advised that there was no one residing at the Oxford Hotel by that name or fitting description that had been given by Patrolman WATT'S informant.

On March 12, 1943 at about 7:00 P. M. Chief CONNELLY in charge of Plant Protection of the Ravina Ordnance Plant, Wayland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office to advise that CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE was in his office and wanted to talk to the writer. The writer, through authority of the Special Agent in Charge, contacted Chief CONNELLY telephonically, at which time the writer talked to CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE who stated he had located BEVER about twenty miles east of Wayland, Ohio; that BEVER was supposedly working in a railroad section-hand camp as a cook. During conversation had with FRYE it was noted that he was speaking incoherently and might possibly be under the influence of intoxicants.

The writer asked FRYE to put Chief CONNELLY on the phone again, at which time Chief CONNELLY also indicated that FRYE was intoxicated or was possibly suffering from hallucinations.

On March 13, 1943 Lieutenant L. NEWBLE WHITE of the Ravina Ordnance Plant, Wayland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he had prepared a report upon the informant CLARENCE EDWARD FRYE, at which time the Lieutenant requested if the information should be forwarded to the Cincinnati Office. In that the Ravina Ordnance Plant is located in the Cleveland District, arrangements were made with the Lieutenant whereby an agent from the Cleveland Field Division would contact him in the near future.

On authority of Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. J. WENSHAMER, the writer telephonically contacted Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. B. WILCOX, Cleveland Office, advising of request that had been made of this office by Lieutenant NEWBLE WHITE, at which time Mr. WILCOX advised that an agent would be assigned to interview Lieutenant NEWBLE WHITE and obtain all pertinent information which he had developed in the interview with FRYE, and also consider the possibility that FRYE might accidentally have some information which would assist in locating Subject BEVER, which would also be followed up.

Reference report of Special Agent FRED H. TAYLOR dated at St. Louis, Missouri February 25, 1943, set out lead to interview to whom telephone numbers were given 9117 and 9333 were issued in Cincinnati. From the Bureau Crisscross Index it was ascertained by the writer that 9333 was listed as EAST END LUNCH Restaurant, Burnside Avenue, Avondale. It should be noted that EAST END LUNCH Restaurant is where CATHY DOWLING was employed during the time she kept company with Subject TAYLOR prior to the Avondale Bank Robbery. In that these telephone numbers were obtained from personal

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effects by the St. Paul Office when the three Subjects were arrested there on November 23, 1942, the numbers will have no bearing in locating any of the Subjects at this time.

The same index reflected that Aven 9447 was issued to the Rockdale Apartments, 538 Rockdale Avenue, Aronahill. It should be noted that this apartment building is one in which the Subjects resided when in Cincinnati prior to the Aronahill Bank Robbery, and will have no bearing at this time.

On March 6, 1943 Subject SAMUEL RICKETTS was interviewed at the Cincinnati Warehouse by Special Agents H. J. HETHINGS and JOHN BRITTON, at which time Subject RICKETTS voluntarily admitted the kidnapping of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, and that they had taken from the doctor his medical kit and approximately \$150. RICKETTS admitted the theft of the doctor's car as well as the theft of cars from Louisville, and in Kansas City subsequent to the escape.

He also admitted knowledge of the theft of the automobile which was found in their possession at St. Paul, Minnesota when arrested November 23, 1942.

RICKETTS stated that upon his direction Subject RALPH had written the letters from Louisville, Kentucky to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, and to the Chief of Police at Station K, Cincinnati, Ohio.

When questioned as to his participation in the robbery of the bank he stated that he would not admit it nor would he deny it, but requested to be given an opportunity to talk to the U. S. Attorney. He stated that he wanted to save himself as much time as possible, and believed that in talking to the U. S. Attorney he would be able to gain some advantage.

It should be noted that RICKETTS was given this opportunity on March 6, 1943 when he and Subject RALPH were brought to the Federal Building by the U. S. Marshal, at which time they were given the opportunity of talking to U. S. Attorney CALVIN C. WILSON, and Assistant U. S. Attorney DON T. HILL.

It should also be noted that neither of the two subjects admitted the robbery which indicated their implication in instant bank robbery.

RICKETTS in admitting the theft of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON's car stated that they had left it parked in a garage in the rear of the house

in which they resided in Louisville, Kentucky subsequent to their escape.

RICKETTS admitted his association with HARRY "BUDEY" O'DELL and participation in numerous robberies throughout the State of New York.

When questioned as to any National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violations that might have been committed by him, or by O'DELL or RATTAY, at that time, he stated that in the New York robberies "we used my own car". He stated that his car was presently in the custody of police at Buffalo, New York.

Subject RICKETTS stated that he and RATTAY contemplated killing Subject BEVEL in St. Louis, Missouri en route to Kansas City. He stated that the only thing that kept them from doing so was the fact that they had no firearms with which to do it. When asked as to the reason for wanting to kill BEVEL, he stated: "The damn fool has no brains and is responsible for all our trouble".

He also stated that he hoped BEVEL would be apprehended in the near future because he said: "The damn fool does not have brains enough to stay away from liquor and women".

RICKETTS was then asked if he knew the whereabouts of BEVEL, to which he replied: "I do not know, and if I did I would not tell you because I have never been a rat".

In interview, Subject RATTAY admitted his participation in the jail break and theft of two cars subsequent to the break in Cincinnati, Ohio. He stated that the episode in Eden Park in which the Cincinnati Police claim they had them surrounded, could best be explained by the fact that no bullets were fired at the car while any of them (meaning CLARENCE PARSONS, RICKETTS, BEVEL and himself) were in the car. He stated that soon after the chase took place their car had skidded off the road and they had started out on foot, with CLARENCE PARSONS becoming separated from them, and he, BEVEL, and RICKETTS walking around until they found the abandoned house at 628 Green Street, where they broke a window in the rear door entering into the kitchen, and in which house they stayed for three days prior to the kidnapping of Dr. WILSON.

Subject RATTAY readily admitted kidnapping Dr. WILSON,

and expressed his pleasure that nothing serious had happened to the doctor, because, he stated, "he was a nice old guy".

RATKAY also admitted his association with HARRY "BUDGET" O'BRIEN in numerous robberies in New York State.

When asked what his reaction would have been to apprehension if he himself had been armed with weapons, he stated that he would have shot it out to the last bullet.

When questioned as to present whereabouts of Subject BEVER, RATKAY stated: "He is the dirtiest rat I have ever known". When asked for an explanation of his statement he said: "I have a lot of contacts in Kansas City, I could have borrowed money from but failed to do so because I did not want to get my friends in trouble". He said: "But that rat BEVER went around telling my friends and telling them that he was calling for \$10 which RATKAY needed", and that RATKAY'S friend gave BEVER this \$10 on account of this statement. RATKAY stated that he had at no time told BEVER anything like this at all; that the manner in which BEVER obtained the money from his friend was purely BEVER'S own manufacture.

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THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will at the Ravina Ordnance Plant contact Lieutenant L. REPENHENT concerning any information which he may have developed in interview with Informant CLEMENCE EDWARD FRYE.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will at 1322 Euclid Avenue make an appropriate investigation to determine if Subject BEVER was at that address, as stated by Informant CLEMENCE EDWARD FRYE.

(Note: It is believed that Informant CLEMENCE EDWARD FRYE is unreliable.)

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

\* AT SCOTTSDALE, INDIANA

Will report results of investigation conducted there due to the fact that BEN GAYN and BILLY BROWN may have knowledge or connection with Subject BEVER. As per teletype dated Indianapolis February 21, 1943.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will follow all logical leads that may lead to the apprehension of Subject BEVER in that it is believed he is still in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas.

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Will report the circumstances under which 1938 Chrysler sedan, property of Dr. CLOVER WILSON, Cincinnati, was recovered, as well as



report the circumstances under which the Subject resided in a rooming house near the garage from which car was recovered.

Will also report the investigation conducted surrounding Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, residing at 1953 Bardstown Road, Louisville.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning Miss ANN NEWELL, wife of JOSEPH L. NEWELL, employed at General Motors as instrument worker, in that Mrs. NEWELL is a former girl friend of Subject BEVER, and seek her cooperation in the event Subject BEVER should appear in Detroit.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will follow and report prosecutive action of CLARENCE ELSONS and PATRICK J. SONS for violation of 753 H, Title 18 U.S.C.

Will maintain contact with Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JACOB SCHMIDT concerning any information that may develop concerning present whereabouts of Subject BEVER.

Will also maintain contact with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office concerning any information that may come to their attention concerning the whereabouts of Subject BEVER.

Will also bear in mind that Detachment W. T. WHITE, attached to the Fourth District, Cincinnati Police Department, has been cooperating with the Cincinnati Office concerning any information that has been brought to his attention by his informant CLARENCE EDWARD TRAYL. Detachment WHITE has consistently placed little reliance in this informant and any information brought to the attention of the Cincinnati Office by the Detachment should be thoroughly verified before any extensive investigation is conducted upon the information furnished by this source of information.

Will follow and report prosecutive action of Subjects KENTLEY and RICHMONTS for violations 753 H, Title 18, U.S.C.

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| <b>REPORT MADE AT</b><br>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS                                 | <b>DATE WHEN MADE</b><br>3-31-43 | <b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b><br>3-24, 29-43 | <b>REPORT MADE BY</b><br>WILLIAM R. WALLACE, JR. RF                         |
| <b>TITLE</b><br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias. I. O. #1869,<br>etal - FUGITIVE |                                  |   | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Unable to locate IAHOMA McLEMORE, Hot Springs, Arkansas, or Little Rock, Arkansas.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Kansas City to Little Rock dated March 12, 1943  
 Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated 2-22-43 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:** AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

On March 24, 1943, the writer contacted LOYD LEMMONS, manager of the Belvedere Night Club, who stated that he did not know IAHOMA McLEMORE and that the Belvedere Club was not, at the present time, employing any hostesses or steerers.

On the same date, ROSCOE JOHNSON, manager of the Southern Club was contacted and also stated that he did not know anyone by the name of IAHOMA McLEMORE. Neither did he employ any hostesses or steerers.

It is to be noted in referenced letter that it was thought that IAHOMA McLEMORE was employed in one of the large or largest gambling establishments at Little Rock, Arkansas. Inasmuch as there are no gambling establishments in operation in Little Rock, Arkansas, this lead was covered at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where the two aforementioned gambling establishments are in operation.

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THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION    AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

Will remain in contact with various gambling establishments, informants, and the Hot Springs Police Department in an effort to locate the present whereabouts of the subject.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

707 U. S. COURT HOUSE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

April 2, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, Fugitive, IO 1869,  
ET AL; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Louis Office to the Bureau dated March 30, 1943.

The Kansas City Office does not have any information that would indicate any reason why ISABELLA FRICKELTON should not at this time be interviewed. In fact, it would appear that it might be advisable to do so at this time.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>                 | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>4-1-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-13, 24-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>W. JACK CHRISTOPHERSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJS</b></span>                     |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was - FUGITIVE, et al</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reported that subject BEVER was employed with the B & O Railroad section gang at Newton Falls, Ohio. BEVER's picture exhibited to superiors and gang members of all section gangs in vicinity of Newton Falls with negative results. Disclosed that informant was intoxicated at the time he made report of BEVER's presence in Newton Falls. Unable to locate original informant. [REDACTED]

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**REFERENCE:**

Telephone call from Cincinnati Field Division March 13, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call from Special Agent J. A. Reiter of the Cincinnati Field Division who advised that an informant by the name of [REDACTED] had reported to Chief G. W. CONNELLEY at the Ravenna Arsenal that he, [REDACTED] knew where subject BEVER was presently located. The writer was advised that Lieutenant HEPPLEWHITE of the Ravenna Arsenal had full facts concerning this matter, as [REDACTED] had reported to HEPPLEWHITE.

**AT RAVENNA, OHIO:**

Lieutenant L. HEPPLEWHITE, Intelligence Officer, Atlas Powder Company, Ravenna Arsenal, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on the evening of March 12, 1943, an

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individual by the name of [ ] had come to the guard house of the Ravenna Arsenal and requested that he be allowed to come in to phone the Cincinnati Field Office of the FBI. HEPPLEWHITE advised [ ] was brought to the door at headquarters of the Atlas Powder Company and at the time he told Chief CONNELLEY and himself that he knew where subject BEVER was at the present time. HEPPLEWHITE explained that [ ] claimed that he had worked with Agent REITER of the Cincinnati Field Division and that REITER had got a job for [ ] on the Baltimore and Ohio section gang so that [ ] could work on a case in this vicinity.

HEPPLEWHITE explained that Officer OSSIN GRUBER, a guard at the Atlas Powder Company, had taken [ ] to the Paris Inn where he met an individual who had extremely wavy red hair, a description which [ ] had also applied to BEVER, according to HEPPLEWHITE. [ ] had told GRUBER that he saw BEVER at Newton Falls on March 12, 1943, and had explained that BEVER was working on the B & O section gang at Newton Falls. [ ] had also advised that the red-headed individual who was waiting for him at the Paris Inn was a good friend of BEVER's and he, [ ] intended to get this red-headed individual drunk so that he would give information about BEVER.

According to HEPPLEWHITE, [ ]  
[ ] located just outside the entrance to the Ravenna Arsenal, and had told GRUBER that he would be in this car on March 13, 1943.

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Reporting agent, accompanied by Special Agent Walter L. Brock, proceeded to the east box car of the Atlas Powder Company work train and made inquiry of ARTHUR WALTON, foreman, Section Crew, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who advised that on the morning of March 13, 1943, he had discharged [ ] WALTON advised that [ ] had worked for him [ ] He explained that on the evening of [ ] had come to him and had requested a job on the section gang. At the time he made this request, WALTON advised [ ] however, he had employed him. He explained that on the evening of [ ] had borrowed [ ] from WALTON and had gone to the Paris Inn where he had got drunk and had attempted to [ ] by the name of VERNON DAVIS. WALTON explained that he knew [ ] to have been drinking most of the evening of [ ] and during several hours of the early morning of [ ] He explained that at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of [ ] had appeared for work and was still in an intoxicated condition and had told WALTON that it would not be possible for him to work that morning but had promised that if WALTON would give him enough money to buy a drink he would work the afternoon. WALTON advised that he immediately discharged [ ] and had ordered him to leave the box car camp that morning, and sometime prior to Noon of [ ] had noticed [ ] toward Akron, Ohio; however, he, WALTON, did not know what [ ] destination was.

WALTON was exhibited a photograph of subject HARRY BEVER, and he advised that he had no man on his crew who would answer to this description.

AT NEWTON FALLS, OHIO:

H. L. BARNES, passenger agent, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station, Newton Falls, Ohio, advised that there were two section gangs working out of the Newton Falls division of this railroad. He explained that WILLIAM CHILDRESS was superintendent of maintenance and had direct supervision over all gangs working in that vicinity of three hundred miles of Newton Falls. BARNES advised that most of the members of the section gang had been in Newton Falls Station on one or more occasions. He was exhibited a photograph of subject BEVER; however, he advised that he could not associate this individual with any person employed on the section gangs at the present time.

WILLIAM CHILDRESS, 213 Superior, Newton Falls, Ohio, superintendent of maintenance, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, advised that he had direct contact with all members of the section gangs working within his district, which, he explained, covered three hundred miles of Baltimore and Ohio track. CHILDRESS was exhibited a photograph of subject BEVER and he advised that he did not at the present time have an individual in his employ who would answer to the description of subject BEVER. CHILDRESS agreed that in all future contacts with members of the section gang employed under him he would attempt to identify subject BEVER. He explained that it was his intention to visit all gangs in his district within the week and, in the event he discovered anyone answering to BEVER's description, he would immediately notify the Cleveland Field Division.

CHILDRESS was subsequently re-contacted, however advised that from his observations he knew that the subject was not employed at the present time by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Subject's photograph was exhibited to FRANK CLIFFORD, yard master, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad box car camp, Newton Falls, Ohio. CLIFFORD advised that although both of the Newton Falls section gangs resided in this box car camp, he could not associate subject with any member of such gangs.

Subject's photograph was also exhibited to STEVE SERBA, section crew foreman, Newton Falls Division, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. SERBA advised that there was no person employed under him either at the present time or in the past who would be identical with subject BEVER.

AT RAVENNA, OHIO:

BILL CANNON, commissary clerk, Baltimore and Ohio Section Gang, Atlas Powder Company, was exhibited a photograph of the subject with negative



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results. CANNON advised that the red-headed individual referred to by GRUBER was one VERNON DAVIS, 20 years of age, who had been employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a three-week period. CANNON explained that he had talked with DAVIS on the morning of March 13, 1943, and DAVIS had told him that on the preceding evening [ ] had taken him to the Paris Inn at Wayland, Ohio, where he, [ ] had proceeded to get drunk. CANNON further advised that DAVIS had told him that [ ] had attempted to borrow money from him while at the Paris Inn and, following his return to the box car camp, had made an effort to obtain DAVIS' wallet.

DAVIS advised that he was not acquainted with [ ] by name, although he had been told on March 13, 1943, that it was [ ] whom he had been with the preceding evening. The individual whom he now knew to be [ ] had asked him to go to the Paris Inn on March 12th. [ ] had met him at the Inn at approximately 11:00 p.m. DAVIS explained that [ ] had immediately commenced to get drunk and had been drinking until the early hours of the morning. He stated that he had made repeated efforts to borrow money from DAVIS, as he knew DAVIS had been paid on March 12th, and, following their return to the box car camp, [ ] had attempted to get his wallet while he was sleeping. b7D

DAVIS was exhibited the photograph of subject BEVER. He advised that he did not know an individual who would answer the likeness in this photograph. He explained that he had never mentioned to [ ] the name BEVER, and [ ] had never questioned him concerning his knowledge of an individual by the name of BEVER.

AT WAYLAND, OHIO:

SAM YANKOVICH, proprietor of the Paris Inn, Wayland, Ohio, advised that section gangs in the vicinity of Newton Falls and Ravenna, Ohio, inhabited his inn. YANKOVICH was exhibited subject BEVER's photograph and advised that he could not identify him with any person who had ever been in this inn. He was questioned concerning his knowledge of [ ] and explained that he knew [ ] and an individual who answered to the description of VERNON DAVIS to have been in the inn on the night of March 12, 1943. YANKOVICH advised that he knew [ ] to have been intoxicated on this evening. He explained that he had not seen either [ ] or DAVIS contact any other individuals in the inn.

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, wa. I. O. #1869, etal - FUGITIVE</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JOHN SINGLETON, incarcerated at Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas advised that HARRY BEVER, unlike RADKY, had few contacts and that these contacts were without exception located in Kansas City, Missouri. Informant believes that subject is presently hiding out in Kansas City. SINGLETON stated that he went to Kansas City approximately March 14, 1943 for the purpose of contacting BEVER, but slugged a soldier during a drunken brawl and was placed under the control of the military authorities before he had an opportunity to complete his mission. Informant after being charged with assault had planned to finger BEVER if Special Agent SCOTT would endeavor to secure his release from the minor charge. Since the slugged soldier died and a more serious charge is pending against him, SINGLETON advised that he knew he was beyond help, and thus had no incentive to divulge the contacts of the subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #76-9296  
 I. O. #1869  
 Letter from Kansas City Field Division dated March 25, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

In a letter dated March 25, 1943, the Little Rock Field Division was requested by the Kansas City Field Division to interview JOHN SINGLETON, Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas in as much as

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SINGLETON had directed the following letter to Kansas City:

March 19, 1943

FBI Agent Scott

"Scotty:

"If you think I can do you any good on Red Bever or other things, then it would probably be to your advantage to see me. I can't promise you anything in this letter but if you want to come to talk to me, maybe we can work something out.

John Singleton.

"P.S. If not, answer back at once and say so, please.  
J.S. "

AT CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS:

On March 31, 1943 the agent contacted JOHN SINGLETON at the Post Stockade, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

SINGLETON advised that he had been charged with manslaughter by the military authorities and would receive a military trial in the near future. While the prisoner was on furlough in Kansas City, Missouri approximately March 14, 1943, he became intoxicated and struck another soldier and was taken into custody by the military authorities. At first, the prisoner advised the agent, he was charged with committing a simple assault, but the slugged soldier has since died and the charge has been changed to that of manslaughter. At the time the prisoner wrote to Special Agent SCOTT, the soldier which he hit had not as yet died and he felt that the matter could be straightened out, in as much as it is not uncommon for soldiers to engage in fights when under the influence of liquor. It was with this thought in view that the prisoner contacted Special Agent SCOTT. SINGLETON stated that he wanted to make a trade with SCOTT; that if SCOTT would speak to the Provost Marshall about the minor charge, he, SINGLETON, would in turn finger HARRY BEVER for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Now, due to the death of the other soldier, SINGLETON advised that he knew he was beyond any help and would no doubt have to serve time as a penalty. Consequently, SINGLETON continued, "Since you can't help me, I can't help you".

The informant advised that he had received word from Kansas City that HARRY BEVER wanted to contact him. So that he might comply with BEVER'S wishes SINGLETON stated that he obtained a furlough and proceeded to Kansas City around March 14, 1943. However, before he had an opportunity to talk to BEVER, he became involved in the aforementioned scrape and was not able to carry out his mission.

The prisoner explained that unlike RADKY, HARRY BEVER had very few contacts and that these few contacts were without exception located in

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Kansas City, Missouri. It was for this reason that SINGLETON was at a loss to understand why BEVER had not been apprehended prior to the apprehension of RADKY and RICKETTS. The informant was certain that BEVER was at present in Kansas City as he would be lost in any other town. When questioned as to why BEVER would want to contact him, he explained that BEVER had few contacts that he could trust and no doubt wanted assistance.

SINGLETON was of the opinion that it would be unlikely that BEVER would contact Mrs. RICKETTS in as much as Mrs. RICKETTS was bitter over the capture of her husband and would delight in exposing BEVER. However, the informant later concluded that if BEVER became desperate he might take a chance on seeking assistance from Mrs. RICKETTS, who probably was residing in Kansas City, Missouri, exact address unknown.

SINGLETON believed it far more likely that BEVER would attempt to contact Mrs. HARRY BEVER, who might also be in Kansas City, Missouri. The informant stated that BEVER'S wife was afraid of the subject and would follow his orders for that reason.

SINGLETON concluded by reiterating that he knew the contacts of the subject in Kansas City, but that in as much as he no longer had any incentive to divulge the information, he would refrain from implicating them.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

• THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION      AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

Will remain in contact with various gambling establishments, informants and the Hot Springs Police Department in an effort to locate the present whereabouts of subject.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, et als,<br/>FUGITIVE</b>   |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mail cover placed and immediately removed. It was ascertained that a J. PARSONS, Mrs. ANGUS and Mrs. SAMS also received mail at the R. E. CICHESTER residence at 431 Fifty-second Street, West New York, New Jersey. Mrs. CICHESTER, sister of CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, not aware of her brother's escape inasmuch as she had just returned home from the hospital. She stated that she had received a postcard from CLARENCE on February 11, 1943. She also received two letters from subject CLARENCE PARSONS while in the hospital. Letters and card of no value as to investigative leads. CLARENCE and ARTHUR had contacted Mrs. CICHESTER immediately after their desertion from the Army in 1940. Subjects apprehended in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 17, 1943.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><del>DEFERRED RECORDING</del></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.<br/>Teletype from Cincinnati Field Division dated February 18, 1943.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> A thirty-day mail cover was placed on all incoming mail for 431 Fifty-second Street, West New York, New Jersey but was immediately discontinued upon receipt of referenced teletype.</p> <p>Mr. LEO RAUSCH, mail carrier, West New York, New Jersey, who delivers mail at the above address, stated that a J. PARSONS used to receive mail at this address but that he had not delivered any for this person for some months. He was not able to advise what the initial "J" stood for. RAUSCH further advised that besides the CICHESTERS, persons by the</p> |                                 |   |  |
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names of SAMS and ANGUS also received mail at the same address. SAMS usually received a check that was apparently from the United States government. RAUSCH advised that he had not seen any strange men around the apartment house in the last week.

Mr. R. E. CHICHESTER, 431 Fifty-second Street, West New York, New Jersey, stated that his wife, FRANCES, had not been advised by him of her brother's escape due to the fact that she had just returned home from the hospital where she had a major operation. He further stated that his wife had received a card from CLARENCE PARSONS dated February 3, 1943 and Postmarked February 11, 1943. Mrs. CHICHESTER produced the card which revealed nothing other than inquiries about her health and that her brother hoped that she had a speedy recovery. She also produced two other letters that she had received from CLARENCE but these mentioned no names other than ARTHUR PARSON and the results of the trial, how much it had cost his parents for the lawyer and how he planned on going straight if he ever got out of his present trouble. No information whatsoever was divulged from the contents of these letters that would lead to the possible apprehension of HARRY BEVER, WILLIAM RADKAY, or SAMUEL ORICKETTS.

FRANCES CHICHESTER advised that she was a sister of CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS and that she did not know that they had escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, until this date. She further stated that her brothers deserted the army in 1940 and had come to live with her and her husband. After the CHICHESTERS found out they had deserted, they told the boys that they would have to get out of their house or give themselves up. They gave themselves up and were sentenced to Governors Island for their desertion. After they served their time, they were sent to different posts. Again they deserted but never did approach their home on this occasion.

Mrs. CHICHESTER stated that if she received any information as to the whereabouts of the other men, that her brothers had escaped with, that she would notify this office immediately.

On February 18, 1943 a teletype was received from the Cincinnati office advising that ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS and CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS had been apprehended on February 17, 1943.

Inasmuch as the subjects have been apprehended and because there is no further need to follow the investigative leads set out for the Newark Field Division in regards to CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, no further investigation is being considered by the Newark office.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO 76-108 and

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| <b>REPORT MADE AT</b><br>PROVIDENCE, R. I.  | <b>DATE WHEN MADE</b><br>3/25/43 | <b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b><br>3/16/43   | <b>REPORT MADE BY</b><br>JAMES T. MAGHER  |
| <b>TITLE</b><br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. Larry James Degan, Fred Mathews, Harry Beaver - FUGITIVE,<br>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was William Radkay, William I. Ratke, William I. Radkay, William Isaac Radkay,<br>William Booman, Willie Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Ruebin, Samuel Rowan - FUGITIVE  |                                  |   | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS and<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |
| <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b><br>SAMUEL RICKETTS, was Sam Rickett, Thomas Roberts, George Wright - FUGITIVE<br>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was Clarence Wells, Woodrow Holbrook - FUGITIVE<br>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was Arthur Wells, Arch, Bill - FUGITIVE  |                                  |   |   |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <b>Synopsis:</b> </div> <div style="width: 75%;">                 Information regarding HARRY BEVER in this field office negative. Appropriate stops placed.             </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">                 - R U C -             </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <b>Reference:</b> </div> <div style="width: 75%;">                 Report of Special Agent John A. Reiter, at Cincinnati, Ohio, dated February 13, 1943.             </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <b>Details:</b> </div> <div style="width: 75%;">                 A check of the indices of this office revealed no information concerning HARRY RALPH BEVER. Stop on mail placed with the Superintendent of General Delivery, Providence Post Office. Stop on name and aliases of subject placed with Division of Motor Vehicles.             </div> </div> |                                  |   |   |
| REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN  |                                  |   |   |
| <b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b><br><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     76-7296-44                 </div> |   |
| <b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b><br>3 - Bureau<br>3 - Cincinnati (1 USA Cin.)<br>2 - Providence<br>CC-RECORDS DIV. F. B. I.   |                                  | <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">17 MAR 29 1943.</div>   |   |

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February 17, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC  
RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL  
RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARRY  
RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an Identification Order  
on Samuel Ricketts. Kindly verify the fingerprint classification  
and check your files for any recent arrest of this individual.

When the above has been completed, please forward the  
attached draft to the Mechanical Section.

There is also transmitted herewith a photograph of Ricketts  
and it is requested that three hundred copies of this photograph  
be made, with the name reflected thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure

TO 2/18/43  
FROM 2/17/43  
2/17/43  
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## NAME AND ALIASES:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases:  
 George Mason, Sam Rickett, Sam  
 Ricketts, Bob Roberts, George  
 Roberts, T. Roberts, Thomas Roberts,  
 "Doc" Ricketts, George Thomas, George  
 Wright, Robert Wright, "Shingle"

## FBI NUMBER:

1486280

## FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:

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## OFFENSES:

HANK ROBBERY  
 NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

## DESCRIPTION:

Age, 28 years, born December 28, 1914, Atchison County, Kansas  
 Height, 5 feet, 11 1/8 inches  
 Weight, 135 pounds  
 Eyes, dark brown  
 Hair, black  
 Complexion, sallow  
 Build, slender  
 Face, white  
 Nationality, American  
 Education, 8th grade  
 Occupation, bakery worker  
 Peculiarities, hair receding left side forehead, prominent lower jaw, sunken eyes,  
 formerly inmate of insane asylum, DANGEROUS

Photograph taken December 1, 1942 is attached

## RELATIVES:

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Julia Downey Ricketts, mother  
 1023 Montgall Street  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Mr. Colley \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Lucia Ricketts, also known as Kay Carroll, Kay Ricketts, wife  
 3225 Central  
 Kansas City, Kansas  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy Aaron Ricketts, brother  
 1023 Montgall Street  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Evelyn Williams, sister  
 2449 South Mill  
 Mr. P. Woodale, Kansas  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSURE

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RELATIVES (continued)

Mrs. Glenn (Ruth) Holloway, sister  
R. R. #10  
North Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. Michael (Stella) Dams, sister  
1324 Prospect  
Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. Dorothy Rose Goulding, sister  
3011 Prospect  
Kansas City, Missouri

CRIMINAL RECORD:

As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1938; charge, burglary; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As Sam Ricketts, #6505, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1938; charge, burglary, larceny (2 charges); disposition, 30 days for petty larceny, April 28, 1938.

As Sam Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, September 6, 1939; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As Sam Ricketts, #6505, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, September 8, 1939; charge, receiving stolen property; disposition, 6 months, October 2, 1939.

As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, November 30, 1940; charge, investigation; disposition, released, ~~November 3, 1940~~.

As Thomas Roberts, #34864, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota. Deleted per J Kennedy 7/1/43

As Samuel Ricketts, #35118, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, robbery; disposition, released to U. S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Samuel Ricketts, #5443, arrested U. S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

as Samuel Ricketts, A—, arrested U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged county jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 30, 1942, charging subject as Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in that he, acting in concert with others, robbed a National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942.

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging subject as Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional criminal record or information to the nearest division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

(OVER)

February 17, 1943

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THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; BANK  
ROBERTS; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT  
ACT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL  
ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an Identification  
Order on William Isaac Radkay. Kindly verify the fingerprint  
classification and check your files for any recent arrest of  
this individual.

When the above has been completed, please forward the  
attached draft to the Mechanical Section.

There is also transmitted herewith a photograph of  
Radkay and it is requested that three hundred copies of this  
photograph be made, with the name reflected thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAMES AND ALIASES:**

WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases:  
James Murphy, Samuel Isaac Radkay, Sam Radke,  
William Radkay, William I. Radkay, <sup>INSOL</sup>  
William Radkay, William Isaac Radkay,  
William Radke, Willie Radke, W. I.  
Radke, Willie Radkay, Bob Deese,  
Sammy Reuben, Sammy Isaac Reuben,  
S. I. Reuben, William Reuben, Samuel  
Isaac Rowan, George H. Rowan, George  
Rowan, Sam Robin, Samuel Isaac Robin,  
"Sam", "Willie"

**FIN NUMBER:**

911699

**FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:**

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**OFFENSE:**

BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

**DESCRIPTION:**

Age, 31 years, born September 24, 1911, Kansas City, Kansas  
Height, 5 feet, 9 3/4 inches  
Weight, 153 pounds  
Eyes, brown  
Hair, dark brown, wavy  
Complexion, sallow  
Build, slender  
Race, white  
Nationality, American, Croatian descent  
Education, 9th grade  
Occupation, shoe repairman, lathe operator, carpenter, packing plant worker,  
steel worker  
Scars and Marks: small scar back left hand; large scar left thumb and palm;  
small pit scar above right eyebrow; scar middle forehead;  
2 small scars right cheek; scar upper lip, bullet scar upper  
left arm.  
Peculiarities: frequents bars, taverns and night clubs; interested in dance  
orchestras, DANGEROUS.

Photograph taken December 1, 1942, is attached.

**RELATIVES:**

Mrs. Steve (Vera) Tomasegovich, also known as Mrs Vera Thomas, mother  
510 Splitlog  
Kansas City, Kansas

ENCLOSURE

Mrs. Isaac (Mary) Radkey, foster mother  
250 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas

Isaac Radkey, foster father  
250 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas

Joseph Radkey, brother  
510 Splitlog  
Kansas City, Kansas

Mrs. John (Agnes) Uziel, sister  
729 Orville  
Kansas City, Kansas

Elizabeth Thomas, stepsister  
510 Splitlog  
Kansas City, Kansas

**CRIMINAL RECORD:**

\*As William Ratkey, #——, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, November 3, 1930; charge, disturbing peace; disposition, fined \$5.00.

As William Isaac Ratkey, #4781, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, April 15, 1931; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released April 16, 1931.

\*As William Ratkey, #——, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, June 8, 1931; charge, vagrancy, highway robbery; disposition, dismissed July 24, 1931

\*As William Ratkey, #4781, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, November 5, 1931; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Kansas.

As William Ratkey, #833, received County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas, November 10, 1931; charge, highway robbery; disposition, 10 to 21 years.

As William I. Radkey, #9950, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, January 17, 1932; crime, highway robbery; sentence, 10 to 21 years.

As Wm. Radkey, #3275, arrested Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, April 5, 1935; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Topeka, Kansas.

As William Radkay, #——, arrested Sheriff's Office, <sup>/Topeka, Kansas</sup> April 5, 1935; charge, highway robbery; disposition, released to Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri.

As William Isaac Radkay, #23080, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, April 12, 1935; charge, robbery; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As Wm. I. Ratke, #2718, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, April 13, 1935; charge, 1st degree robbery; disposition, 10 years.

As Willie Ratke, #46497, received State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, June 4, 1935; crime, 1st degree robbery; sentence 10 years, paroled October 28, 1940.

As William Isaac Radkay, #23080, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, December 16, 1941; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

As William Isaac Radkay, #2718, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, December 17, 1941; charge, 1st degree robbery (4 charges); disposition, released on \$10,000 bond, March 19, 1942, forfeited.

As Sam Rubin, #——, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As William Radkay, #35116, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, bank robbery; disposition, released to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As William Isaac Radkay, #5444, arrested U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As William Isaac Radkay, #——, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged County Jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943.

An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Kansas, on November 3, 1942, charging subject as William Isaac Radkay with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about May 16, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Kansas City, Missouri, to Kansas City, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.



A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as William Isaac Radkey with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 30, 1942, charging subject as William Isaac Radkey, with a violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in that he, acting in concert with others, robbed a National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943 charging subject as William Isaac Radkey with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for Federal authorities.

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If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

\*Represents notation unsupported by fingerprints.

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February 16, 1943

**THE IDENTIFICATION  
DIVISION**

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; BANK ROBBERY;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an Identification Order  
on Harry Ralph Bever. Kindly verify the fingerprint classification  
and check your files for any recent arrest of this individual.

When the above has been completed, please forward the  
attached draft to the Mechanical Section.

There is also transmitted herewith a photograph of Bever  
and it is requested that three hundred copies of this photograph  
be made, with the name reflected thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NAME AND ALIASES:**

**HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases;  
Harry Ralph Beaver, Ralph Bever,  
Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry  
James Dugan, Fred Matthews, "Red"**

**FBI NUMBER:**

**2413512**

**FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:**

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**OFFENSE:**

**BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Age, 26 years, born September 13, 1916, Mill Grove, Missouri**

**Height, 5 feet, 9 3/8 inches**

**Weight, 175 pounds**

**Eyes, gray-green**

**Hair, red, wavy**

**Complexion, ruddy**

**Build, medium stocky**

**Race, white**

**Nationality, American**

**Education, 2 years high school**

**Occupations, cook, laborer, bell hop, porter**

**Scars and Marks: tattoo, double heart and letters "RED" right arm, 4 small  
scars right wrist, vaccination left arm, 2" scar right  
upper lip, scar left side neck and lobe left ear.**

**Peculiarities: bushy red eyebrows, 1 gold crowned tooth upper right, teeth  
in poor condition, occasionally wears rimless glasses.  
DANGEROUS.**

**Photograph taken December 1, 1942 is attached.**

**RELATIVES:**

**Oswa Bever, father  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**Mrs. Blanche Mae Green Bever, mother  
115 East 33rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**ENCLOSURE**

Thomas Eugene Bever, brother  
3424 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dixie Dean Garret, divorced wife  
3029 Harrison  
Kansas City, Missouri

CRIMINAL RECORD:

As Harry Ralph Bever, #37095, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 29, 1941; charge, investigation; disposition, released, March 31, 1941.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #7194, arrested Police Department, Ontario, California, August 17, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California.

As Harry R. Bever, #48286, arrested Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California, August 19, 1941; charge, exhibiting deadly weapon; disposition, 75 days.

As Ralph Harry Bever, #37095; arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, February 8, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released February 9, 1942.

\*As Ralph Bever, #13096; arrested Police Department, Terre Haute, Indiana, September 23, 1942; charge, U.S. Army deserter; disposition, released to U.S. Army, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

As Larry Dugan, #34865, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #35117, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1942; charge, suspicion, robbery; disposition, released to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #5442, arrested U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 4, 1942; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As Harry Ralph Bever, #—, arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 5, 1943; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; disposition, lodged county jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943.

A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 27, 1942, charging subject as Harry Ralph Bever with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about November 9, 1942, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Leavenworth, Kansas, knowing same to have been stolen.

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A complaint was filed before a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging subject as Harry Ralph Bever with a violation of the Federal Escape Act in that he did, on February 12, 1943, escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was being held in custody for federal authorities.

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Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

APRIL 2, 1943

SAC, ST. LOUIS

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Transmit the following message to:

TO ONE EIGHT SIX NINE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS FUGITIVE REA, REFERENCE CINCINNATI LETTER  
MARCH NINETEENTH LAST AND YOUR LETTER MARCH THIRTY INSERT AD IN ST. LOUIS  
NEWSPAPER ACCORDING WICKETT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE  
SURVEILLANCE AT POSTOFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

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CC - CINCINNATI (BY REGULAR MAIL)  
KANSAS CITY ( " " )

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC ST. LOUIS  
MAIL. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS FUG IO ONE EIGHT SIX NINE ETAL EPP FEA,  
REFERENCE CINCINNATI LETTER MARCH NINETEENTH LAST AND YOUR LETTER MARCH  
THIRTY INSERT AD IN ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] NEWSPAPER ACCORDING RICKETTS IN-  
STRUCTIONS AND CONDUCT [REDACTED] APPROPRIATE SURVEILLANCE AT POST  
OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

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OK FBI ST LOUIS HVS

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
St. Louis, Missouri  
March 30, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias, et al.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter forwarded from the Cincinnati Field Division to the Bureau with copies for the Kansas City Field Division and this office dated March 19, 1943.

Investigation to date reveals that the unknown salesgirl at Bonds Clothing Store at St. Louis has been identified as Miss ISABELLE FRICKELTON, suspected prostitute, residing in Apartment I at 4366 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri.

Under date of March 27, 1943, Special Agents PAUL C. FULLER, L. JOHN PETERSON and DONALD M. DeHART maintained a discreet surveillance of the FRICKELTON apartment while Special Agents ROBERT N. HINDS and EDWARD M. WETTON searched the FRICKELTON apartment with negative results. Investigation in this Field Division so far has revealed no indication that Fugitive BEVER has ever contacted ISABELLE FRICKELTON and a mail cover placed at her address has been negative to date.

This office feels that in view of the fact that Kansas City is the home territory of BEVER he might in the future attempt to re-establish contacts there. At the present, this office has no specific or definite leads in the investigation of ISABELLE FRICKELTON. Since most of BEVER's contacts would be through Kansas City, the Kansas City Field Division is requested for advice as to the possibility of thoroughly interviewing ISABELLE FRICKELTON as to her alleged meeting and association with BEVER while he was in St. Louis for the purpose of eliciting information concerning any remarks he may have made as to his future plans or associates either in St. Louis or Kansas City.

It is further noted that no attempt has been made by this office to place the newspaper ad in the personal column of the local papers in view of the fact that there is no positive indication that BEVER is here in St. Louis at this time. While the insertion of the newspaper ad does not appear advisable to this office for the reason above indicated appropriate action will be taken by this office for the insertion of the ad should the office of origin or Kansas City believe that such action is warranted at this time.



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In view of no contrary advise from the office of origin, should Kansas City deem it advisable, the FRICKELTON girl will be interviewed provided no unusual occasions arise that would make an interview with this girl either impossible or inadvisable.

Very truly yours,

*G. B. Norris*

G. B. NORRIS, SAC

EMW:cmj

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cc: Cincinnati  
Kansas City

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-229**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>                        | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-10-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERALD C. SNELL</b> <span style="float: right;">ep</span>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUG., I. O. 1869, et al.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa, and Mrs. ERICA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, interviewed with negative results regarding subject BEVER'S whereabouts. 30 day mail cover placed on both.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file #76-9296.  
Report of SA HERBERT B. BOLLFRASS, El Paso, Texas, dated 3-4-43.

**DETAILS:** This investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. MITCHELL and the reporting agents:

**AT NEWTON, IOWA:**

Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, was contacted at her place of employment, the Pettit Cleaners, and she requested the agents to accompany her to her residence at 212 East Third Street, where she could be interviewed privately and also where she requested the agents to search her premises to be absolutely sure that BEVER was not at that address.

With Mrs. DOWNING'S permission, the agents did make a thorough search of the residence, and failed to locate BEVER, or any evidence that might indicate that BEVER had been there recently.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that approximately four years ago, subject BEVER and his wife had been to her residence in Newton, and had stayed for a period of two or three days.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>J. L. Dalton</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                  |          |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>1 - Kansas City (Inf.)<br>1 - El Paso (Inf.)<br>2 - Des Moines |                         | <b>76-9296</b><br><br>24 MAR 25 1943<br>EX-25 | RECORDED |

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She further stated that approximately two years ago, the subject stopped at her residence for a few minutes as he was passing through Newton. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject, and she stated that in view of present circumstances, she doubted very much if he would try to contact her in any way.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that she was well aware of Federal Harboring Statutes, and should he put in an appearance at her place, she would immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, was interviewed, at which time she advised that the last time she saw subject BEVER was on a Saturday night some time in the year of 1939, at which time BEVER had stopped over for one night on his way through Des Moines. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject since he has gotten into trouble.

Mrs. ISAACS advised that she was familiar with the subject's present circumstances, and has been expecting a call before this from the F.B.I. She requested that the agents make a thorough search of her home to make sure that BEVER was not residing there, which was accordingly done by the agents, and no evidence was found that might indicate that he has been at that place recently. Mrs. ISAACS advised that should BEVER make an appearance at her home, or should she learn of his whereabouts, she would immediately contact the Des Moines Field Division.

By letters dated March 22, 1943, thirty day mail covers were requested to be placed against all mail coming to the addresses of 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa.

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will report the results of the thirty day mail covers placed in Des Moines and Newton.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

March 1, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: IDENTIFICATION ORDER on  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as.

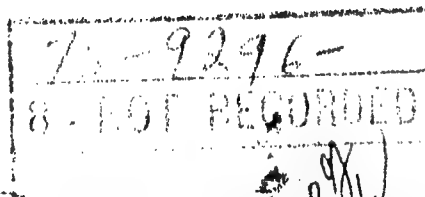
Dear Sir:

Kindly forward to this office fifty additional  
copies of Identification Order No. 1869 on HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as.

Very truly yours,

*DK*  
*ordered from 3/18/43 mfe*  
*DUANE L. TRAYNOR*

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Special Agent in Charge



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FROM  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO

Official indicated below by check mark

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MEMORANDUM

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FBI

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Assistant to the Attorney General Rowe . . . . .  
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Mr. Harrison, Comm'r. Immigration and Naturalization . . . . .  
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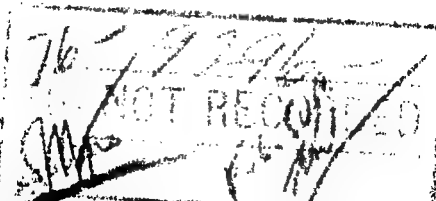
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To Supply Room:

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Please furnish the following supplies to \_\_\_\_\_

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| 50       | I. O. #1869 on HARRY RALPH BEVER |

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3/13/43  
W.C.H.

This copy must be signed and returned to the Bureau TOGETHER with a non-expendable receiving slip for items of a non-expendable nature, immediately.

Received the above mentioned supplies March 16 1943.Signed Duane L. Traynor

DUANE L. TRAYNOR

Special Agent in Charge

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J. C. Kennedy <sup>Room 5730</sup>  
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Re. ~~Alvin~~ Alvin ~~Parson~~ Parson, was fug;  
Arden Raymond Parson, was fug;  
William Isaac Raskay, was fug;  
Samuel ~~Proctor~~ Proctor, was fug;  
Harry Ralph ~~Bauer~~ Bauer, was fug;

Bank Robbery;

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I name & alias:

Arden Raymond Parson,  
with aliases Arden Parson,  
Arden A. Parson,  
Arden Wells,  
Arden Wells, Jr.,  
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"Arch",  
"Bill".

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IV ~~Offense~~ Escapes Federal Prisoners  
Federal Escape Act

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## I Description,

Age, 24 years, born May 11, 1918,  
Ranewood, West Virginia  
Height, 5 feet, 11 inches  
Weight, 170 pounds  
Eyes, blue  
Hair, blond, wavy  
Complexion, ruddy  
Build, medium  
Race, white  
Nationality, American  
Education, 6th grade  
Occupations, cook, farmer  
Scars and Marks, 1/2" scar  
left elbow, 3 moles on face, mole  
back of neck, vaccination scar left  
arm

Peculiarities, reported to be  
mentally deficient, psychopathic  
personality, CONSIDERED DANGEROUS  
caps please

## II Photograph,

VII Relatives

✓ Mrs. Mary Ellen Parson, mother  
Broadway Avenue, R. F. D. #23  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

✓ Albert Parson, father  
address unknown

✓ John Paul Parson, brother  
State Reformatory  
Mansfield, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Goldie Kennett, sister  
North Bend, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Tom (Ruth) Kennett, sister  
First Street  
Addyston, Ohio  
(SAMS)

✓ Mrs. Virginia Lamm, sister  
First Street  
Addyston, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Frances Colchester, mother  
431 - 52nd Street  
West New York, New Jersey

Clarence Albert Parsons, brother,  
Age, 33 years, Height, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches,  
Weight, 150 pounds, Eyes, brown,  
Hair, brown, Complexion, medium,  
Build, medium slender, Race, white,  
Nationality, American, Education, attended  
high school, Occupation, cook, Scars and  
Marks, scar middle finger left hand,  
mole back side of face, vaccination  
scar left arm, 2 lower teeth missing,  
Address Unknown, possibly traveling  
with subject.

## VIII Criminal Record:

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #4014,  
arrested Police Department, Parkersburg,  
West Virginia, October 9, 1935; charge,  
breaking and entering, larceny,  
disposition, \_\_\_\_\_, Industrial  
School, Pendleton, West Virginia.

As Arthur Raymond Parsons,  
#B200-712, arrested Baltimore  
and Ohio Railroad Company, May 7,  
1939; charge, train riding, disposition,  
15 days County Jail.

As Arthur Parsons, #\_\_\_\_\_, arrested  
Shuff's Office, Parkersburg, West  
Virginia, September 29, 1939; charge,  
petty larceny; disposition, 6 months  
County Jail.

\* As Arthur Parsons, #\_\_\_\_\_,  
arrested Police Department, Lebanon,  
Pennsylvania, April 2, 1942; charge,  
U.S. Army deserter; disposition,  
returned to <sup>U.S. Army</sup> Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

As Arthur Parsons, # ———,  
arrested U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati,  
Ohio, September 2, 1942, charges  
kidnaping; disposition, 75 years,  
November 23, 1942, lodged County  
Jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY 12, 1943.  
Cape

#### IV Process Outstanding:

Subject was sentenced in the  
U.S. District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio,  
on November 23, 1942 to serve 75  
years in a Federal Penitentiary  
for violation of the Federal Kidnaping  
Statute. On February 12, 1943  
subject escaped from the Hamilton  
County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
where he was being held in custody  
for Federal authorities.

A complaint was filed before  
a U.S. Commissioner at Cincinnati, Ohio,  
on February 13, 1943, charging subject  
as Arthur Raymond Parsons with  
a violation of the Federal Escape Act  
in that he escaped from the Hamilton  
County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio on  
February 12, 1943.

# WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

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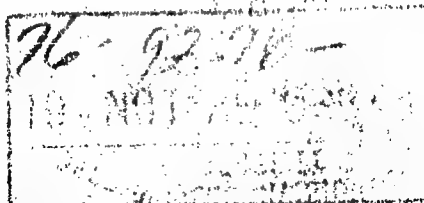
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CINCINNATI--THREE ESCAPED PRISONERS FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL WERE INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE ROBBERY OF THE ARCADE, VENUE BRANCH OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK.  
THE ESCAPED PRISONERS, ALVIN KARPIS, 31, HALL AT CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, ST. PAUL, MINN., AND MARTIN LUTHER, 35, HAMILTON CITY.

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CINCINNATI--JAMES W. BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF PRISONS TODAY ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE JAIL BREAK LAST NIGHT OF FIVE FEDERAL PRISONERS AT HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL AS THE SEARCH SPREAD INTO THREE STATES.

IT WAS INDICATED THAT THE COUNTY JAIL MIGHT BE REMOVED FROM THE FEDERALLY-APPROVED LIST. AUTHORITIES IN OHIO, KENTUCKY AND INDIANA SOUGHT THE FIVE FUGITIVES, BUT NONE WAS REPORTED SEEN.

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SK MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ETAL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EFP. IN ORDER TO  
COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT DISTRIBUTION OF WANTED NOTICES THIS CASE  
SHOULD COVER ENTIRE MAILING LIST IT WILL BE NECESSARY THIS OFFICE BE  
FURNISHED WITH FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY ADDITIONAL NOTICES. EXPEDITE.

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P. O. Box 1277  
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Director, FBI

Att'n: Technical Laboratory

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al,  
FUGITIVES  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

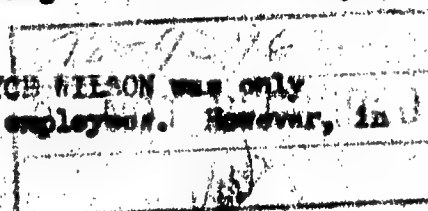
On February 16, 1943, Doctor CLOYCE WILSON, of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was kidnaped by Subjects HARRY BEVER, with aliases, FBI #2413512, WILLIAM NATYAY, with aliases, FBI #911692, and SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FBI #1486280. Doctor WILSON was tied with wire and left in the basement of a vacant house in Cincinnati after the Subjects had overpowered him and stolen his automobile.

An air mail special delivery letter postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, at 12:30 PM, addressed to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, was received by Mrs. WILSON in Cincinnati at about 9:00 PM on February 17, 1943. The contents of this letter are as follows: "Doctor is in a corner vacant house on Winslow and Crown Streets tied up in the basement," and the letter bore a diagram showing the location of the house where Doctor WILSON was left tied up. There were also the additional words "Winslow and Crown Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio."

On February 18, 1943, an air mail special delivery letter was received by the Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked February 17, 1943, 12:30 PM, at Louisville, Kentucky, which letter is as follows: "Man tied up in a house on corner of Crown and Winslow, Cincinnati, Ohio, in basement." The letter also bore a diagram of a square block designating the house bordering on Crown Street and Winslow, from William Taft Road to the back of the house.

It is desired that the Technical Laboratory chemically treat the enclosed letters and envelopes for latent fingerprints, and to compare the handwriting contained thereon with the handwriting of the three subjects as it appears on their fingerprint cards.

The first letter received by Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON was only handled by her and her daughter, along with postal employees. However, in



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the case of the second letter it should be noted that it was handled by numerous police officers, and the possibility of latent prints is negative.

It is desired that the envelopes and letters be preserved and returned to the Cincinnati Field Division after appropriate examinations have been made.

Very truly yours

A. H. BELMONT, SAC

Enclosures

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **76-229**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>                        | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-10-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERALD C. SNEIL</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUG., I. O. 1869, et al.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa, and Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, interviewed with negative results regarding subject BEVER's whereabouts. 30 day mail cover placed on both.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file #76-9296.  
Report of SA HERBERT E. DOLIFRASS, El Paso, Texas, dated 3-4-43.

**DETAILS:** This investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM E. MITCHELL and the reporting agent.

**AT NEWTON, IOWA:**

Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, 212 East Third Street, was contacted at her place of employment, the Pettit Cleaners, and she requested the agents to accompany her to her residence at 212 East Third Street, where she could be interviewed privately and also where she requested the agents to search her premises to be absolutely sure that BEVER was not at that address.

With Mrs. DOWNING'S permission, the agents did make a thorough search of the residence, and failed to locate BEVER, or any evidence that might indicate that BEVER had been there recently.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that approximately four years ago, subject BEVER and his wife had been to her residence in Newton, and had stayed for a period of two or three days.

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She further stated that approximately two years ago, the subject stopped at her residence for a few minutes as he was passing through Newton. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject, and she stated that in view of present circumstances, she doubted very much if he would try to contact her in any way.

Mrs. DOWNING advised that she was well aware of Federal Harboring Statutes, and should he put in an appearance at her place, she would immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Mrs. EREDA ISAACS, 3810 Tenth Street, was interviewed, at which time she advised that the last time she saw subject BEVER was on a Saturday night some time in the year of 1939, at which time BEVER had stopped over for one night on his way through Des Moines. She advised that she has not received any phone calls or letters from the subject since he has gotten into trouble.

Mrs. ISAACS advised that she was familiar with the subject's present circumstances, and has been expecting a call before this from the F.B.I. She requested that the agents make a thorough search of her home to make sure that BEVER was not residing there, which was accordingly done by the agents, and no evidence was found that might indicate that he has been at that place recently. Mrs. ISAACS advised that should BEVER make an appearance at her home, or should she learn of his whereabouts, she would immediately contact the Des Moines Field Division.

By letters dated March 22, 1943, thirty day mail covers were requested to be placed against all mail coming to the addresses of 3810 Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and 212 East Third Street, Newton, Iowa.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will report the results of the thirty day mail covers  
placed in Des Moines and Newton.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Origin: CINCINNATI, OHIO

File No. 76-354

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| Report Made At<br>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA               | Date Made<br>3/12/43 | Period Made<br>2/13, 18-20,<br>25-27/43 | Report Made By<br>WILLIAM R. KENNEDY (SEA) /DM               |
| Title<br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br>ET AL |                      |   | Character<br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT |

**Synopsis of Facts:** Radio messages relative to instant escape broadcast over Indiana State Police and Indianapolis Police radio systems. ~~LESLIE EVERETT KINNETT~~ advises subject CLARENCE PARSONS wrote him for a monetary loan, which he did not make. PARSONS' sisters GOLDIE and RUTH are sisters-in-law of KINNETT, having married CLIFFORD and JAMES KINNETT respectively. Sisters are of a type who will aid and comfort escapees. Investigation in the vicinity of Lawrenceburg, and Madison, Indiana, negative regarding any recently stolen automobiles or license plates. Detective DON WIMM, of the Indiana State Police, advises telephonic attempts made to contact BEN SIMON at Scottsburg, Indiana, and instant call completed to his son BILLY SIMON at Scottsburg Grade School. Call thought to have been made at insistence of subject BEVER, who was a brother-in-law by a former marriage. Attempts to trace phone call negative. SIMON is cooperative, and Indiana State Police have set-up with SIMON in case subject BEVER should attempt contact. Information concerning a Buick maroon sedan, bearing Indiana registration number 907-210 set out.

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**References:** Teletype from Cincinnati to the Director and all SACs dated February 13, 1943.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Bureau letter to all SACs dated February 12, 1943. (Bureau file number 91-3481)

Teletype from Cincinnati to the Director and all SACs dated February 17, 1943.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated at Cincinnati, Ohio February 22, 1943.

Teletype from Louisville to the Director and SACs at Kansas City, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis, dated February 27, 1943.

Details: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

On February 13, 1943, Captain WALTER ECKERT, of the Indiana State Police, a graduate of the FBI National Police Academy, was contacted, and he advised that State radio messages over the entire system of the Indiana State Police were broadcast relative to the instant jail break at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on several occasions since the escape on February 12, 1943 at approximately 6:15 P.M.

From the records of the Radio Room of the Indiana State Police, he advised that the first message was broadcast at approximately 6:45 P.M. the same day of the escape. Captain ECKERT further advised that the names and all aliases and complete descriptions of all the escaped subjects were being re-broadcast as of this date.

On February 13, 1943, Inspector ROBERT L. BATTIS, in charge of the Indianapolis Police Radio System, advised that the Indianapolis Police Department radio has re-broadcast the same message as went out over the Indiana State Police radio system, and will also re-broadcast the complete descriptions, names, and aliases of the escaped subjects as of this date.

At Fort Benjamin Harrison, Corporal C. W. DEAN, of the 729th Military Police Company, advised that Private LESLIE E. KINETT, serial number 35392645, was presently assigned to the Indianapolis Train Detail, and could be located at the Indianapolis downtown Y.M.C.A.

On February 13, 1943, Private LESLIE E. KINETT, of the 729th Military Police Company, was located at the Union Station, Indianapolis, Indiana, at which time he was interviewed regarding his knowledge of subject CLARENCE PARSONS. Private KINETT stated that he first became acquainted with subject CLARENCE PARSONS when the PARSON family lived in a house boat on the Ohio River



south of Aurora, Indiana. KINNETT stated that he had known the PARSONS family from the time he was a boy, but had become better acquainted with CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, since his brother, CLIFFORD KINNETT, married GOLDIE PARSONS, and his brother, JAMES KINNETT, married RUTH PARSONS. KINNETT further advised that his brother CLIFFORD, who married the PARSONS boys' sister GOLDIE, works at the Finney Creosote Plant on Briar Road near North Bend, Ohio. KINNETT further advised that he formerly made his home with his brother CLIFFORD, and that during this time, both of the PARSONS subjects made innumerable visits to their sister and brother-in-law's home.

KINNETT advised that he made his home with his brother CLIFFORD for approximately four months during the year 1936, and it was during this time that he became acquainted with the PARSONS subjects. KINNETT further advised that his brother JAMES had married RUTH PARSONS, and presently lives at Addyston, Ohio, and his brother is employed by the Raymond City Coal Yard at North Bend, Ohio.

The informant further advised that he has not seen CLARENCE PARSONS since subject PARSONS deserted from the United States Army during the summer of 1941, at which time this informant tried to influence the subject in returning to the Army. He further advised that he saw subject ARTHUR PARSONS at the same time, and that the brothers were together and stated that they had both deserted the United States Army, and he tried to influence both brothers in returning. KINNETT further advised that the PARSONS brothers were always together and inseparable.

KINNETT related that approximately two months ago he had received a letter from subject CLARENCE PARSONS asking him for a two dollar loan, which the informant said that he never sent or answered the communication.

It should be noted at this time that KINNETT was highly nervous during the interview, and was continually asking the reason for seeking the information; and when told about the escape at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, of the PARSONS brothers and the other subjects, KINNETT advised that he had no knowledge of the escape; that since he has been assigned to the Indianapolis Train Detail, he has been continually riding trains and in his spare time tries to catch up on his much needed sleep.

The train schedule was displayed to the writer by Corporal A. W. SMITH, of the 729th Military Police Company C, which disclosed the following. On February 12, 1943, Private KINNETT left Indianapolis on Pennsylvania Railroad train #319 for Chicago at 3:45 P.M., and same arrived in Chicago at 8:03 P.M.; that Private KINNETT left Chicago on Pennsylvania Railroad train #306 at 11:30 P.M., arriving in Indianapolis on February 13, 1943 at approximately 4:20 A.M.

After Private KINNETT was informed of the escape, he seemed very cooperative, and stated that he would do all possible to assist in the apprehension in case he should be contacted at any time. He stated the PARSONS are a "bunch of bad eggs" and should not be loose on society. Private KINNETT advised that in case he should be contacted enroute on his train detail by either of the PARSONS subjects, he would immediately notify the closest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the closest police department in the vicinity of the contact.

Private KINNETT further advised that the PARSONS brothers have a sister who he believes married and lives in New York City by the name of CHARCHESTER. KINNETT further advised that the PARSONS subjects' mother resides with two daughters at Parkersburg, West Virginia; that a sister, VIRGINIA, also lives with Mrs. RUTH KINNETT at Addyston, Ohio.

On February 13, 1943, the Indianapolis Field Division by teletype furnished the Cincinnati Field Division with the information received from Private KINNETT.

#### AT AURORA, INDIANA.

The following investigations were conducted in accordance with Bureau letter to all SACs dated February 12, 1943, Bureau file number 91-3481, wherein it states that the photographs of the subjects of instant case should be exhibited in accordance with instructions contained in report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTEAY, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1942.

The following investigations were also conducted in view of the modus operandi used by the subjects at Cincinnati, Ohio, prior to the robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942.

HUBERT B. MAINES, Aurora, Indiana, Chief of Police, was contacted, at which time he was informed of the activities of the subjects and the possibility that they may land in and around Aurora, and that he should be constantly on the alert for any stolen automobiles or stolen license plates, as the subjects probably will resort to this to further their escape. Chief MAINES advised that they had had no reports of stolen cars or license plates, but that if such should happen, he will immediately notify the Indianapolis Field Division.

#### AT LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA.

Chief EMIL J. ARMBRUSTER, Chief of Police at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, patrolman, were contacted, and were advised of

the facts of the escape and the fact that when the three subjects were apprehended in St. Paul, Minnesota, they had a set of Indiana license plates which were stolen in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and were requested to be on the alert for any stolen cars or plates with the belief that the subjects may return to Lawrenceburg to repeat their mission.

At the Dearborn County Sheriff's office, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, MATHEW CORRELLION, acting sheriff, ROBERT GRUBBS, deputy sheriff, and HUBERT PERLMER, patrolman of the Indiana State Police Department, were contacted relative to any reports of stolen cars or license plates in the vicinity of Dearborn County with negative results. They too were advised of the modus operandi of the bank robber subjects, used in the robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, and were requested to be on the alert for any stolen cars or license plates in that vicinity.

The same investigation was conducted at the Ripley County Sheriff's office at Versailles, Indiana, at the Ohio County Sheriff's office at Rising Sun, Indiana, at the Switzerland County Sheriff's office at Vevay, Indiana, and at the Madison, Indiana, Police Department.

#### AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

A review of the file of the Indianapolis Field Division reflects memorandum for the file submitted by Special Agent ELISS MORTON to the effect that about 4:00 P.M. on February 19, 1943, Special Agent GREENSHAIN of the Cincinnati Field Division telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge J. M. LOPEZ, stating that the Cincinnati office had received information through the Cincinnati Police Department that DON WILK, Detective of the Indiana State Police at Seymour, had reported that BILLY SIMON, a boy at the Scottsburg Grade School, had received a mysterious telephone call, and that it was believed the person calling was calling for BEVER and endeavoring to locate the SIMON home. Special Employee Agent WILLIAM ROBERT KENNEDY was given this information by long distance telephone to Madison, Indiana, at 4:40 P.M., February 19, 1943, by Special Agent MORTON.

#### AT SEYMOUR, INDIANA.

On February 20, 1943, Detective DON WILK, of the Indiana State Police assigned to the Seymour Post, was contacted by the writer, at which time he advised the writer that Officer BLUM, Unit #61 of the Indiana State Police, received information from BEN F. SIMON, Rural Route #1, Scottsburg, Indiana, that his wife is a sister of the wife of subject HARRY RALPH BEVER, one of the escapees from the Hamilton County Jail, at Cincinnati, Ohio. SIMON also related to Officer BLUM that he knew subject BEVER very well and had been on several

trips with him to California and various parts of the United States, and that BEVER would probably come to his home if he were in this part of the country.

Mr. SIMON lives on the east side of U. S. Route #31, the first house north of the Lone Star Tourist Camp. He requested that officers patrolling U. S. Route #31 observe cars parked at his home; and if they saw any cars there out side of a 1940, cream colored DeSoto coach bearing Indiana license 707-826, or a 1939 maroon Chevrolet club coupe bearing Indiana license 334-064, to stop and check as BEVER would probably be there. SIMON works at Charlestown, and can be contacted at his home after 6:00 P.M.

A copy of the investigative report as submitted by Detective WINN is being set out:

"On February 16, 1943, I contacted Mrs. BEN F. SIMON, at Scottsburg, with reference to complaint that HARRY RALPH BEVER was formerly her brother-in-law and that he may attempt to contact her and husband in Scottsburg.

"Mrs. SIMON said that she read in the paper about the escape and she wrote a letter to her sister in Kansas City, Missouri, notifying her of the fact, as she thought BEVER may attempt to see her and force her to leave with him. Although they have been divorced for over a year.

"Mrs. SIMON said the last time she and her husband saw BEVER, was about a year ago when he visited her and Mr. SIMON in Charlestown, Ind. for a period of two days and then returned to Kansas City, Missouri. The SIMON family was living at the time at the home of Mr. HERBERT ROSS, one and one-half miles east of Charlestown, and Mr. SIMON was employed on construction at DuPont.

"Mrs. SIMON said BEVER enlisted in the Army and had been stationed in Texas and Georgia, and had deserted the Army about 6 months ago. She further stated that BEVER had worked as a cook at Martin's Cafe, on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, and his last work in Kansas City was a bell hop. Drove truck for Swift Packing Co., Miami, Florida from Nov. 1940 to March 1st, 1941.

"BEVER was described by Mrs. SIMON as 28 years, (looks older), 5'10", 170 lbs, red hair, teeth good (gold crown upper), has a large mouth, likes crowds, drinks and is very boisterous.

"On February 17, 1943, Mrs. SIMON contacted Officer CURRY

#210, and advised him that her 11 year old son WILLIAM (BILLY) SIMON had received a long distance phone call at the Scottsburg Grade School, but did not know who had called or where the call originated, but was suspicious it may have been from BEVER.

"Officer CERRY questioned the boy and he told him the following story:

"About 1:00 P.M. on the afternoon of February 17, 1943, he was called to the phone by Mr. KENNEDY who is the Principal of the Grade School. The operator asked him if he was BILLY SIMON and he said yes, and then she said, hold the line, a call from a town he did not remember the name, then he thought it was the operator who talked to him as it was a woman's voice.

"She asked him where he lived, and he said, on the highway north of Scottsburg, then asked him what highway and he said #31. Then she wanted to know if there was a phone close to his home, and he said there was a phone at the Shady Brook, a restaurant about one fourth mile south. Then she asked him how he got to and from school, and he told her on the school bus.

"Officer CERRY checked with the operator in Scottsburg, and she verified the fact that a call had been placed but did not know where it originated as they do not keep a record of incoming calls.

"The operator also told Officer CERRY that the long distance operator first asked if SIMONS had a phone and when she advised her they did not, she then said to call the Grade School and ask for BILLY SIMON.

"On the night of February 17, Det. VANCE #319, Officer CERRY #210, Officer BLUM #86 and myself watched the home all night, but no contacts were attempted.

"On February 18, I contacted Mrs. SIMON, and her son BILLY at the Grade School, also the Principal.

"BILLY told me the same story but still was unable to remember the town the call came from but remembered the operator said, Indiana.

"On the night of February 18, I called Charlestown Post and requested contact with Mr. HERBERT ROSS and determined if he had

received a call asking where the SIMON family had moved to, also if anyone had come there in person.

"Report received from the Charlestown Post was that Mr. ROSS had not been contacted but would advise the Post at once if he was."

"On the night of February 18, Det. VANCE and myself again watched the home of SIMON's, and no contact was attempted."

The original of Detective WINN's report is being retained in the file of the Indianapolis Field Division.

Detective WINN asked the writer if subject BEVER was in any way connected with a BUDDY O'DELL, who Mrs. SIMON stated that BEVER corresponded with while he was in some penal institution while BEVER and Mr. and Mrs. SIMON were in Miami, Florida last year.

A review of the file of the Indianapolis Field Division reflects an undeveloped lead for the Albany Field Division in the report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTRAY, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1942, wherein it was requested that the Albany Field Division ascertain what institution in which BUDDY O'DELL was confined.

By teletype dated February 23, 1943, the Albany Field Division was requested to furnish to the Indianapolis Field Division the present whereabouts of subject BUDDY O'DELL. Was requested in the undeveloped lead for your field division in the report of Special Agent KERMIT L. WESTRAY dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1942, in the case entitled SAMUEL RICHARDS, was, ET AL, FUGITIVE, Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942. Of O'DELL at liberty, furnish full length photos to this office AMSD".

By teletype dated February 25, 1943, the Albany Field Division furnished the information requested as follows:

"RECORDS MY STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTION REFLECT HARRY ROBERT ODELL, AKA'S EVD ODELL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT THREE ONE NINE THREE, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH BUDDY ODELL, SENTENCED OCTOBER TWENTYSIX LAST TO SERVE FROM FIFTEEN TO SIXTY YEARS ATTICA PRISON, ATTICA, NY FOR FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY. NO PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE ALBANY."

Detective WINN further advised that at the Bell Telephone Company at Scottsburg, Indiana, he attempted to trace the phone call made to BILLY SIMON with negative results.

Detective WINE further advised that in his interview with BILLY SIMON the only thing that BILLY could recall was that the telephone call came from a town which started with a "C", and he believed from Kansas. However, in view of the fact that Covington, being in Kentucky, and Louisville being close by, a teletype was sent to the Cincinnati and Louisville Divisions requesting efforts to trace the telephone call from Covington and Louisville. All efforts to trace the call were fruitless.

A review of the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13, 1943, reflected on page #10 the arrest of subject BEVER by the Terre Haute Police Department.

Chief of Detectives JAMES A. MITCHELL was telephonically contacted, and advised that under number 13096 RALPH BEVER was arrested on September 23, 1942. The facts surrounding this arrest, according to the Detective Chief, are as follows:

On September 23, 1942, one JOSEPH C. SIMMONS, of 1118 Madison Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was an over night guest at a local hotel at Terre Haute, who had been in a tavern and became acquainted with RALPH BEVER. During the course of the conversation, BEVER told him that he was a deserter from the United States Army. SIMMONS, having been a veteran of World War I, took BEVER to his hotel room, where he allowed him to bathe, and then brought him over to the Terre Haute Police Department. Detective MITCHELL advised that at that time BEVER had given his address as 105 West Washington Street, Attica, Indiana. MITCHELL advised that the Army authorities at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, were notified of BEVER's incarceration, and he was held and turned over to the Army authorities on September 24, 1942.

#### AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA.

Detective H. H. FRED and Sergeant HEDBERG, of the Lafayette Post of the Indiana State Police, advised from their records that subject RALPH BEVER, of 105 West Washington Street, Attica, Indiana, is not identical with subject BEVER of the escapees from the Hamilton County Jail at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The records of the Indiana State Police at the Lafayette Post disclose that RALPH A. BEVER, male, white, FBI #1092117, is 5'7" tall, 153 1/2 pounds, medium build, brown hair, born at Attica, Indiana, on April 21, 1915. His mother, PEARL BEVER, resides at 704 South Perry Street, Attica, Indiana, and his father is deceased. He was arrested at Attica, Indiana, October 21, 1937, for second degree burglary, and was sentenced to serve from two to five years in the Indiana State Reformatory. The fingerprint classification of RALPH A. BEVER as reflected by the fingerprint card of the Indiana State Police is as

follows:

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AT ATTICA, INDIANA.

CHESTER COOPER, Chief of Police, Attica, Indiana, advised that RALPH A. BEVERS, who is presently in the United States Army, formerly lived with his sister, Mrs. MABEL K. JONES at 105 West Washington Street, Attica, Indiana. Chief COOPER advised that BEVERS has been a local boy all of his life, and he does not believe that he has been any farther away than Terre Haute until he entered the United States Army. Chief COOPER further advised that RALPH A. BEVERS has at times taken epileptic fits.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

On February 27, 1943, Assistant SAC GREEN of the Louisville Office telephonically furnished the following information.

Word had been received that the fugitives in this case had been encountered in Kansas City on the previous evening but had avoided apprehension, although the stolen automobile which they had been using at the time had been wrecked. In the wrecked automobile were found several items to definitely identify the fugitives, one of which included an X-ray photograph of a fractured heel.

The Louisville Division had ascertained this photograph had been made by a doctor in Louisville, Kentucky, who identified his patient as RADKAY. RADKAY, in visiting the doctor, had furnished his correct date and place of birth. He also furnished an address in Louisville, Kentucky. A surveillance of this address in Louisville had disclosed a Buick maroon sedan bearing Indiana license 907-310, parked in front of the premises. The Louisville Division desired information concerning the owner of this automobile, inasmuch as it had possibly recently been stolen by the subjects.

The Motor Vehicle Bureau advised that instant Indiana registration had been issued to EUGENE V. KENNEDY, 1118 South 2nd Street, Lafayette, Indiana, for a 1943 Buick town sedan. There was no report of this car being stolen.

The State Police also conducted a very discreet investigation at Lafayette, Indiana, concerning the owner of this car, and determined EUGENE VIRGIL KENNEDY, whose family presently resides at 2213 North 19th Street, Lafa-



ette, Indiana, is the owner. KENNEDY formerly worked at the Vigo Ordnance Plant, Terre Haute, Indiana, and later as a steam fitter at the Peru Naval Base, Peru, Indiana, on December 17, 1942. His criminal record showed a vagrancy charge against him in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1941. Approximately two weeks ago he left Lafayette for Louisville, Kentucky, to obtain work in a defense plant, and is presently residing at 1003 South First Street, Louisville, Kentucky. His family plans to join him soon and will move to 1213 South First Street, Louisville, within two weeks. The police stated KENNEDY had a good reputation insofar as they know. He is described as follows:

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| Age    | 21 years   |
| Height | 6 feet     |
| Weight | 165 pounds |

The above information was telephonically furnished Assistant SAC GEBBEN at Louisville. At the same time, Mr. GEBBEN advised that the address 1003 South First Street was in the same block as the address given by RADKAY to the Louisville doctor.

On March 3, 1943, the Indianapolis Field Division was in receipt of a teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division advising of the apprehension of subjects RICKETS and RADKAY at Kansas City, Missouri, as of this date. This information was given to Detective WILK of the Indiana State Police by the writer in view of the fact that subject BEVER, being the only subject which has not as yet been apprehended, it is more logical than ever that he should now attempt to contact his former brother-in-law and sister-in-law at Scottsburg, Indiana.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Secottsburg, Indiana.

Will keep in close contact with Detective DON WILHE, of the Indiana State Police, attached to the Seymour Post, relative to any contacts being made by subject BEVER with the SINCH family.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 19, 1943

76-964  
HLS:LVP

Director, F.B.I.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. - FUGITIVE, et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Immediately after WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY and SAMUEL RICKETTS were sentenced in the United States District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, they were interviewed separately by Special Agents R. B. MILLER and H. L. SCOTT, who were here as witnesses from the Kansas City Office.

RICKETTS stated in reference to BEVER that he firmly believed BEVER was in St. Louis, Missouri, and based this on the fact that they had an agreement between the three of them that in the event they became separated an ad would be run in the personal column of any one of the St. Louis papers reading as follows:

DEFERRED REPLY

"Your old keeper wants to get in touch with you.

/s/ L.S."

He said that this ad was to be run consecutively for three days, then skipped one day, and run for five more days consecutively, and that the one reading this ad would know that contact was to be had with the others or other at the main entrance of the St. Louis Post Office. The plan was for the one or ones reading the ad to go to this place at 9:00 P.M., wait five minutes, and if not contacted to leave and do the same thing on future nights until contact was established. RICKETTS was asked why he still believed this ad would work and he said that if BEVER read the ad he would believe that he (RICKETTS) had arranged somehow for someone to contact him (BEVER).

Continuing, RICKETTS said that BEVER had met a girl who is a sales lady in Bonds Store located on the northwest corner across from the Statler Hotel. He said that this girl works at the men's haberdashery counter and

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that BEVER had bought from her shirts, shorts and socks. In this way he made friends with her and later took her out on at least one occasion. BEVER had said that should he get "hot" he thought in view of the fact that this woman had an apartment and was single that it would afford him a good hide-out, or words to that effect. RICKETTS said that in the event BEVER did not make contact with this girl he still believed he would be in St. Louis staying in some cheap hotel. He described this girl as follows:

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| Age:             | About 28  |
| Height:          | 5' 3"   |
| Weight:          | 118 to 120 Lbs.   |
| Hair:            | Brunette  |
| Dress:           | Neat dresser  |
| Characteristics: | Wears diamond ring weighing about one karat on finger of left hand. |
| Marital Status:  | Single  |

RICKETTS advised further that he did not believe BEVER would work, but that he would maintain himself by small stick-ups such as grocery stores, taxi cab drivers, or such. RICKETTS said that he had previously made mention of and it had been discussed that a good way to get by would be to secure soldiers' uniforms. He said that they had intended to do so and that possibly BEVER was wearing one at this time. RICKETTS also stated that in the event BEVER did not dress in this fashion he had discussed wearing and would probably be found in workman's clothes and in possession of a defense worker's identification button. He advised that BEVER had said he intended to dye his hair black, cut down his eyebrows, which are bushy - likewise dye them - and have the gold tooth replaced with a white one.

In St. Louis and at the time BEVER contacted the woman in Bonds Store he was using the name of LARRY DUGAN, insofar as RICKETTS can recall. RICKETTS stated that he did not believe BEVER was in Kansas City, Missouri and the only other place he thought he might possibly go, but he had no particular reason for believing this, was Dallas, Texas.

Continuing, RICKETTS said that BEVER could not stay "holed up"; that he liked to drink, that his favorite drink was whiskey, the brands being "Old Taylor" or "Old Quaker", and that he drank it straight, with a coca cola chaser.

Copies of this letter are indicated for the St. Louis office with the suggestion that that office, at such time as they believe appropriate, insert in the personal column of one of the St. Louis papers the ad as indicated by RICKETTS, and of course have someone at the main entrance to the post office from 9:00 P.M. to 9:05 P.M. It is further suggested that the St. Louis office make appropriate investigation concerning possible contact of BEVER with the sales lady at Bonds Store.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*  
A. H. BELMONT  
SAC

CC: St. Louis  
Kansas City

76-9296-

March 17, 1943

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: Harry Ralph Dever, with aliases, et al.  
Fugitives  
Escaped Federal Prisoners  
Federal Escape Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report dated \_\_\_\_\_, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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Very truly yours,

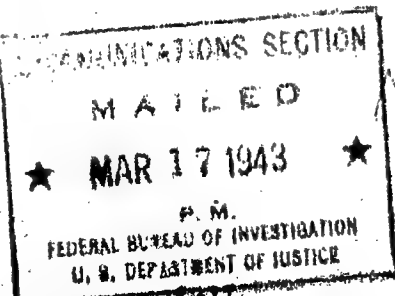
*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-443**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/2/43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>12/1/42; 1/2, 15, 24/43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>GERLAD C. SNELL</b>  |
| TITLE <b>SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases; HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases; AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, 10/31/42</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT<br/>SELECTIVE SERVICE<br/>FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** BOB WRIGHT and JAMES MURPHY occupied Room #611, Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, 11/20/42. Photographs of Subjects from Escape Wanted Notice displayed to hotel clerk with negative results as to identity. Iowa License Plates #27-17 and #27-2891 both stolen in Iowa on or about 11/5/42.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype to St. Paul Field Division, 12/1/42.  
Report of SEA KERMIT L. WESTBAY, St. Paul, Minn., 12/14/42.  
Report of SA JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1/11/43.

**DETAILS:**

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

DEFENSE RECORDING

On December 1, 1942, Special Agent WILLIAM A. BUCKLES interviewed Mr. L. A. WILKINSON, Manager of the Brown Hotel, at which time Mr. WILKINSON made a thorough search of his records, but could find nothing under the date of November 19, 1942, that would indicate that the suspects had registered at that Hotel. The records reflected that on November 20, 1942, four men checked in at the Hotel at 8:20 P.M. Two of the men registered as "JIM LOBLAK and Friend", from Chicago, Illinois, and occupied Room #611. The other two who registered were "Mr. M. H. DOMONSKI and Party", who occupied Room #616, listing their address as Evanston, Illinois. The record further shows that these four men checked out of the Brown Hotel at 6:13 P.M. on November 21, 1942. The Hotel records do not list any information relative to car storage. Mr. WILKINSON stated that it was his belief that these four men could possibly be the parties in whom we were interested. However, he would be unable to give any description or furnish any other information concerning them.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE<br><b>76-2296</b> | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>3 - Cincinnati (2, File #76-964; 1, SSA, Cincinnati)<br>2 - Omaha<br>2 - St. Paul<br>4 - Des Moines (2 File #76-229) |   | RECORDED<br>INDEXED<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">17 MAR 3 1943</div> |

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Mr. WILKINSON advised that two men had stayed in Room #611 on November 20, 1942, who had listed their names as BOB WRIGHT, 220 South 8th Street, Omaha, Nebraska; and JAMES MURPHY, 1414 South 23rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska. He stated that the record further shows that these two men checked in the room at 10:04 A.M., and checked out at 5:00 P.M. the same date.

An investigation was conducted at the Brown Garage, which handles cars for the Brown Hotel. However, only negative information was obtained regarding any possibilities of the suspects' parking their car in that Garage.

By teletype dated December 1, 1942, the St. Paul Field Division was advised of the information set out above.

On January 2, 1943, the Reporting Agent contacted Mr. C. T. CLEMONS of the Iowa State Automobile License Bureau, at which time Mr. CLEMONS advised that 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-17 was issued to Dr. S. C. BARROWS of Lamoni, Iowa, for a 1937 Chrysler Royal Automobile. He further stated that his records showed that this license plate had been stolen on or about November 7, 1942, and had been reported by the Sheriff's Office at Leon, Iowa. In regard to 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-2891, Mr. CLEMONS stated that it was issued to LEVI VIRDEN of Leon, Iowa, for a 1940 Hudson Coupe. He stated that his records showed that this license had been stolen on or about November 6, 1942, and had been reported by the Sheriff's Office at Leon, Iowa.

#### AT LEON, IOWA

On January 15, 1943, Special Agent HYRUM R. STERLING contacted Sheriff HERMAN HAMILTON. Sheriff HAMILTON advised that 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-17 had been stolen from the automobile of Dr. S. C. BARROWS at Lamoni, Iowa, in front of the Doctor's residence, and from all indications had been stolen on the evening of November 5, 1942. He also stated that 1942 Iowa License Plate #27-2891 had been stolen from the automobile of LEVI VIRDEN in front of Mr. VIRDEN's residence in Leon, Iowa. He stated that this latter license plate was stolen on November 6 or November 7. The Sheriff advised that he had made quite an extensive inquiry regarding the thefts of both license plates. However, he was unable to ascertain any possible suspects who might have stolen the license plates.

On February 23, 1943, the Reporting Agent contacted Mr. L. A. WILKINSON, Manager of the Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. WILKINSON produced the registration cards of JAMES MURPHY and BOB WRIGHT, which are listed under Card Numbers 1031 and 1032. These cards reflect that both of these individuals registered at the Hotel at 10:04 A.M. on November 20, 1942, and checked out of the Hotel at 5:05 P.M. the same date. Mr. WILKINSON advised that there was no record whatsoever of either of these individuals' making any telephone calls from the Hotel. Mr. WILKINSON stated that the only person who is presently

employed by the Hotel who could possibly make an identification of these two persons was the night clerk, FRANK MELL.

Mr. FRANK MELL was interviewed by the Reporting Agent, at which time Mr. MELL advised that he did remember the two persons who checked into their Hotel on November 20, 1942, and likewise checked out the same evening. The photographs of Subjects, RICKETTS, RADKAY and BEVER, which appeared in the recent F.B.I. Escape Wanted Notice, were displayed to Mr. MELL. He advised that he was unable to make any identification from these photographs. He further stated that it has been so long ago that they stayed at the Hotel that he would be unable to give any accurate description of them.

The Wanted Notice Circular was left with the Hotel Manager and clerks for their use in the event that any of the Subjects might attempt to return to Des Moines and possibly check in at their Hotel. Mr. WILKINSON advised that should they return to his Hotel, he would give them a room and immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division of their whereabouts.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Will check the addresses at 1414 South 23rd Street, and 220 South 8th Street, in an attempt to ascertain if the Subjects are, or might have been, hiding out at such addresses. It is to be noted here that Subjects RICKETTS, RADKAY, and BEVER are Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1942, and complaint was filed against them on February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with the violation of the Federal Escape Act.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. **91-457**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>                                  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-11-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-26, 27, 28;<br/>2-1, 2, 3, 4, 5-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWARD M. WETTON</b> <span style="float: right;">alp</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with alias, I.O. #1869,<br/>Real - FUGITIVES</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Trooper **GLENN H. BURTON**, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirkwood, Missouri, interviewed with negative results as to unknown General Motors car which he spotted and gave chase to at 5:00 A.M., February 27, 1943, in Saint Louis County, Missouri. Spot checks through Saint Louis County negative. Local law enforcement agencies put on notice for wanted car and fugitives; wanted notices subsequently removed with local law enforcement agencies on all subjects and stolen 1940 Pontiac Coupe, Motor #6-737656, bearing 1942 Missouri license plates #728-902, except all data and description of fugitive **HARRY RALPH BEVER**, still at large.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated January 11, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Report of Special Agent **JOHN A. REITER** dated February 22, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Teletype from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division dated February 26, 1943.  
 Telephone call from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division February 27, 1943.  
 Telephone call from Saint Louis Field Division to Kansas City Field Division February 27, 1943.  
 Teletype from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division dated March 1, 1943.  
 Teletype from Kansas City Field Division to Saint Louis Field Division dated March 2, 1943.  
 Bureau letter dated March 1, 1943.

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*E. B. Harris*

SPECIAL AGENT  
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**REFERENCES:**  
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Teletype from the Bureau dated March 3, 1943.  
Teletype from Kansas City Field Division dated March 4, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON dated February 25, 1943,  
at Saint Louis, Missouri.

**DETAILS: AT KENNEDY, MISSOURI**

Reference is made to the teletype received from the Kansas City Field Division dated February 26, 1943, wherein the Saint Louis Field Division was requested to contact Mr. WILLIS L. WILLIAMS of 4310 Vista Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the theft of 1942 Missouri license plates, #453-818.

Reference is also made to referenced report of Special Agent EDWARD M. WETTON dated February 25, 1943, at Saint Louis, Missouri, wherein it is stated that complete descriptions and circumstances surrounding the escape of the fugitives from the Hamilton County Jail in Cincinnati, along with pertinent facts pertaining to the subsequent theft of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON'S car had already been forwarded to the local law enforcement agencies, namely, the Saint Louis Police Department, the Saint Louis County Sheriff's Office, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Under date of February 27, 1943, Assistant Special Agent in Charge ROBERT L. MURPHY of the Kansas City Field Division telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge GERALD B. MORRIS of the Saint Louis Field Division that at the time of the subjects' escape at Kansas City on February 26, 1943, they were driving a 1938, eight-cylinder, Pontiac Coupe, color green, Motor #8-93142, Serial #37-2829, bearing 1942 Missouri license plates #453-818, with 1943 Missouri tag strip #457-028, which car was abandoned in Kansas City at the time of their escape. It was ascertained at Kansas City that the 1942 license plates, #453-818, was issued to one WILLIS L. WILLIAMS of 4310 Vista Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, for a 1937 Dodge Sedan, Motor #D-5-246851. The Kansas City Field Division further requested that an immediate check be made on the Missouri license issued to WILLIAMS to determine whether it had been stolen and whether WILLIAMS might have any connection with the subjects.

Special Agent JOHN S. BUSH of the Saint Louis Office was immediately assigned to this lead for the purpose of ascertaining the information for the Kansas City Field Division.

Mr. WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, who is a reputable employee of the Railway Express Agency, Saint Louis, and who resides at 4310 Vista Avenue, Saint Louis, was interviewed by Agent BUSH regarding the theft of his license plates, Missouri #453-818, and stated that his wife remembered seeing these plates on his car on Tuesday, February 23, 1943, but neither had noticed the plates thereafter and did not know they were missing until Friday night, February 26, 1943, when Saint Louis

policemen interviewed them and said the plates had been recovered in Kansas City. WILLIAMS had never seen any of the subjects and saw no suspicious individuals around his home. This car remains parked in front of the house at all times and the plates were no doubt stolen while it was parked there. This information was furnished to the Kansas City Field Division by telephone on February 27, 1943.

The reporting Agent contacted Captain T. E. WHITECOTTON and Trooper GLENN H. BURTON of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and he was advised by Trooper BURTON that about 5:00 A.M., February 27, 1943, the latter was sitting by himself in a State Patrol Car at an intersection in Kirkwood, Missouri, when he spotted what he believed to be a General Motors make of car, a light colored coupe, which in his estimation was driving through town at approximately seventy (70) miles an hour. Trooper BURTON stated that he immediately gave chase and pursued this car north on Lindbergh Highway which runs through Kirkwood, Missouri. He advised that this car, as it travelled north, attempted to turn at Highway 40 going east, but apparently could not make the turn and continued north until it reached Natural Bridge Road which runs east and west from Saint Louis through the county.

Trooper BURTON advised that his speedometer read about seventy-five (75) miles an hour and that the car in front of him was handled expertly and that apparently the driver had some knowledge of the roads in Saint Louis County in view of the fact that he attempted to turn into several county lanes. Trooper BURTON advised that he never at any time got within three hundred (300) yards of this automobile and for that reason he was never able to spot the license number.

Trooper BURTON advised that as they were nearing Olive Street Road, which is about four miles from Natural Bridge Road, it became apparent to the occupants of this car that he was closing in; Trooper BURTON advised that at this time it appeared to him that there was more than one occupant in the car and he believed, although he was not sure, that someone was sitting to the right of the driver; he was unable to tell whether anyone was sitting in the back seat.

Trooper BURTON stated that when this car reached the intersection, an overpass at Lindbergh and Natural Bridge Roads, the car turned right, that is, east through the wrong right-hand lane and continued east on Natural Bridge Road; Trooper BURTON advised that he tried to cut across the lawn into the right-hand lane at the intersection in an attempt to cut this car off but in doing so, knocked out his right front wheel and his car spun around into the right-hand lane; he advised that as his car stopped, he got out and at that time the unknown car was travelling east; he judged that it was about fifty (50) yards away from him when he fired one shot at it; he could not say whether he hit the car or not. He advised that no shots were fired by the occupants of this car at him. He stated that it was then about 5:13 A.M. and he immediately called the State Patrol. Captain WHITECOTTON advised that the Patrol immediately dispatched information to the Saint Louis Police Department as well as to the Saint Louis County Sheriff.

Captain WHITECOTTON advised that the Patrol had received only one notice from Kansas City concerning the fugitives and this was a radio broadcast from the Kansas City Police Department at 10:30 P.M. on February 26, 1943, but that they had no notice at any time that the fugitives would head back toward Saint Louis; Captain WHITECOTTON also advised the reporting Agent that he was particularly ruffled in view of the fact that these men had travelled all the way from Kansas City to Saint Louis without the Patrol spotting them somewhere between Kansas City and Saint Louis. Captain WHITECOTTON advised, however, that if these were the fugitives from Kansas City then they apparently hugged country roads until they hit Highway 50 and then apparently turned north on Highway 66, or Lindbergh Highway.

Agent also contacted Chief ECKHREITHER of the Saint Louis Police Department who advised that they had sounded alerts on Saturday and Sunday nights, that is, February 26 and 27, 1943; he also advised the Agent that this additional information received from the Kansas City Police Department was forwarded by bulletin and teletype to all precincts in the Saint Louis area and a teletype was likewise dispatched to the Saint Louis County police. Chief ECKHREITHER advised that contact was being made through the Saint Louis Police Department as well as through the Vice and Morality Squads and through all hotels, rooming houses, boarding houses, and tourist camps.

The reporting Agent on the same day contacted the Auto Theft Bureau, Saint Louis Police Department, and was advised by Mr. RUSSELL AMREIN, Clerk, that over the period from February 27 to February 28, inclusive, no abandoned cars were found within the Saint Louis Area.

Mr. AMREIN advised that this applied to the Saint Louis County Sheriff's Office also.

However, Mr. AMREIN advised that they did have a report on a two-tone green 1940 Buick Coupe, which had been stolen from a parking lot at Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue between 8:15 P.M., February 28, 1943, and 2:45 A.M., March 1, 1943. The ownership of this car was reflected to be in the name of Mr. LOUIS GEESER, 6332 Rosebury Avenue, Clayton, Missouri.

Agent immediately contacted Mr. LOUIS GEESER at his office at 1415 O'Fallon Avenue, who advised that he had attended the Chase Hotel in Saint Louis that night for dinner and had parked his car on this lot on Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue about 8:15 P.M. on February 28, 1943. He stated that when he returned to the lot he noticed his car was missing and he immediately reported it to the Police Department, which was about 3:00 A.M., March 1, 1943. Mr. GEESER advised that the car was unlocked and that he had \$50.00 in currency in the glove compartment of his car, which compartment was locked; he advised that no ration books were contained in the glove compartment of his car.



A check was made with Mr. ROBERT CADLE, Assistant Manager of the Chase Hotel, who advised that the parking lot at Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue is no longer attended by an attendant and that car owners park their cars there at their own risk. He stated that a car could very easily be stolen at an early morning hour since there is no one within the immediate vicinity of this lot who would see any auto theft. In view of the time element this car was stolen and in view of the referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division dated March 2, 1943, advising of the apprehension of RADKAY and RICKETTS at Kansas City, and the fact that subject, BEVER, was still at large and believed to be in the Kansas City vicinity, no attempts were made to investigate any further leads on this stolen car.

Agent contacted Sheriff ARNOLD J. WILLMAN'S Office and was advised that they had no record of any auto thefts over the weekend of February 27, 1943, and had no record of any cars being found, however, a check of their records revealed an auto license plate stolen from Mr. N. JOHN SWEHLA of 1182 Ursula Avenue, University City, Missouri, Missouri State License plate #470-025 with 1943 strip #535-855.

Agent immediately contacted Mrs. N. JOHN SWEHLA at their residence, 1182 Ursula Avenue, University City, Missouri, who advised that their car was definitely in the garage between 9:00 P.M. Friday, February 26th and 8:00 A.M. Saturday, February 27th; she stated that she and her husband noticed the plates missing when they went to market on Saturday afternoon, February 27th, and, in their estimation they believed the plates had been lost prior to February 26, 1943. In view of the time element in this lead, no further investigation was made concerning the stolen license plates of Mr. SWEHLA.

It was ascertained that the only tourist camp open in the northwest area of Saint Louis County would have been the Greater Saint Louis Tourist Camp, 6823 Easton Avenue, Saint Louis County, where a spot check was made with the owner without revealing the Agent's identity; pictures of the subjects were shown to the owner of the camp as furnished by the Bureau under date of March 1, 1943, however, he advised that he had never seen any of the men or the Pontiac Coupe and that no cars had entered his tourist camp since February 26, 1943.

Agent contacted the Assistant Manager of the Mobile Gas Station at Lucas and Hunt and Natural Bridge Roads, Mr. WILLARD SACHAU, who advised that no filling stations are open on Natural Bridge Road at 5:00 A.M. and that the nearest tourist camp in that vicinity is the Greater Saint Louis Tourist Camp, which had already been contacted by the Agent. Mr. SACHAU advised that there are a number of roads in Saint Louis County on which an automobile could travel without detection and as far as he knew there would be no filling stations open on Natural Bridge Road which would have observed a speeding car at that hour of the morning.

Under date of March 1, 1943, referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division furnished further information on the stolen car which the subjects might have obtained after their gun battle in Kansas City; the additional information in this teletype was furnished to the Saint Louis Police Department and to the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 8:30 A.M., March 2, 1943.

On March 2, 1943, the information contained in referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division dated March 2, 1943, was furnished to the Chief's Office, Saint Louis Police Department, at 5:25 P.M. and to Trooper DWIGHT LINBLEY, Missouri State Highway Patrol, at 5:30 P.M.

Referenced teletype from the Bureau dated March 3, 1943, instructed that investigation be discontinued on subjects, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY and SAMUEL RICKETTS, inasmuch as they had been apprehended at Kansas City, but that investigation should be continued on subject, HARRY RALPH BEVER, fugitive.

Referenced teletype from the Kansas City Field Division dated March 4, 1943, reflected that the Pontiac Coupe, Motor #6-737656, Missouri 1942 license plates #728-902, was recovered at Kansas City; accordingly the Missouri State Highway Patrol, through Sergeant H. BOSCH, was advised of this information. Captain MULCAHY of the Chief's Office, Saint Louis Police Department, was also notified of this information and Captain MULCAHY advised that both the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Saint Louis Police Department had been notified of this fact by a radio broadcast from the Kansas City Police Department.

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13 and February 22, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, wherein undeveloped leads were set out to auxiliary offices requesting a review of their files for the purpose of developing information which could be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subjects.

A review of the Saint Louis file in instant case reflects the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated January 11, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in which it is noted that under the information concerning SAMUEL RICKETTS, Page Four, a Mrs. RUTH HOLLOWAY, wife of GLENN HOLLOWAY, is residing in Saint Louis, Missouri, address unknown. Mrs. RUTH HOLLOWAY is allegedly the sister of SAMUEL RICKETTS.

A check was made through the Saint Louis City directory which reflected that a GLENN HOLLOWAY resided at 4140 Washington Boulevard, Apartment 310, Saint Louis, Missouri. Under pretext, Special Agents NORMAN V. STEVENS and the writer contacted the Manager of this apartment house and he advised that Mrs. HOLLOWAY and her husband, GLENN HOLLOWAY, had left that apartment about six months ago intending to return to Kansas City, Missouri, where he had been transferred to

another position with the Grennan Baking Company in Kansas City, Missouri. The Manager of the apartment house advised that Mr. HOLLOWAY had been working for the Grennan people in Saint Louis.

A further review of the file fails to reflect any information which could be used in setting out leads to other Field Divisions with regards to the apprehension of subject, HARRY RALPH BEVER.

Referenced report of EDWARD M. WETTON, Special Agent of the Saint Louis Field Office, dated February 25, 1943, reflects that Confidential Informants SL-16 and SL-17 have stated they would contact this Office immediately upon receipt of any information concerning the whereabouts of subject, HARRY RALPH BEVER, who is still at large.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 2, 1943

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
- FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find two sets of fingerprints of SAMUEL RICKETTS and WILLIAM RADKAY.

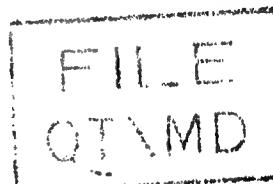
There are being transmitted for a search of the criminal files of the Identification Division and an immediate reply is requested.

Very truly yours

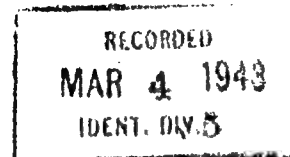
*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

DWP:EB  
91-675

*Enclosure*



EXPEDITE



1 MAR 24 1943

# AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

65 BROADWAY

NEW YORK

JAMES J. BULGER  
INSPECTOR

62 NOV 18 1942  
November 7, 1942  
42-2959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We return herewith photograph of one ARTHUR PARSONS (negro) your no. 387274 and his criminal record; also criminal record of CLARENCE PARSONS, your no. 3040900.

The photographs and records in which we are interested are those of ARTHUR and CLARENCE PARSONS (white) now held at Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, charge of kidnapping.

Yours truly,

*James J. Bulger*  
JAMES J. BULGER

Inspector.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

42-2957

Form T-4

October 22, 1941

The following is the record of FBI number

382274

J. E. Hoover

Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS           | NAME AND NUMBER   | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE                                  | DISPOSITION          |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 12-14-37             | Rob.                                    | 2 yrs. 7 mos.        |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson, Mo., 12-2-37, into 1-11-38, 1-30-38, served 15 mos. paroled. | 10-1-37              | armed robbery                           | 1-30-38              |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 6-3-31               | Rob.                                    | 6 mos. 1 yr. 7 mos.  |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 6-27-32              | armed Rob. det. det. charged to 1-30-38 | 90 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 12-21-32             | Rob.                                    | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 1-21-33              | Rob. (det.)                             | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 2-29-33              | Rob.                                    | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| St. Louis, Mo.                        | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 2-25-34              | armed Rob. det. charged to 1-30-38      | 60 days 1 yr. 6 mos. |
| Phila. Co. Prison<br>Helmetsburg, Pa. | Arthur Carson,<br>#382274   | 5-21-41              | armed Rob. det. charged to 1-30-38      | 18 mos. to 3 yrs.    |

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

The following is the record of FBI number

*See file*

*J. E. Hoover*  
 Director

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER  | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|--------|-------------|
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 1-11-30, vic. person; 6 mos. prob.                      |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 5-14-30, vic. prob. dish.                               |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 7-1-30, vic. person; 1 yr. prob.                        |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 10-5-30, vic. prob.; prob. continued.                   |                      |        |             |
|                             | Buffalo, NY, 12-19-30, vic. prob.; 6 mos. pen.                       |                      |        |             |
|                             | (The above notations as appearing on print 27054).                   |                      |        |             |
|                             | 1931, Buffalo, NY, non-support; prob. 6 mos.                         |                      |        |             |
|                             | 1931, Buffalo, NY, non-support; prob. 6 mos., post \$500 bond.       |                      |        |             |
|                             | 1931, Buffalo, NY, non-sup. etc.; 6 mos. Erie Co. Pen.               |                      |        |             |
|                             | 11-12-32, Buffalo, NY, assault and bay.; 60 days Erie Co. Pen.       |                      |        |             |
|                             | As Arthur Parsons, 2-7-37, Eastern St. Pen., Phila., Pa.,            |                      |        |             |
|                             | 8-14-35, entering with intent to steal prop. 8-14-40, fiscal dish.   |                      |        |             |
|                             | (paroled 5-23-40).   |                      |        |             |
|                             | Arthur Parsons, A9207, Phila. Co. Pr., Holmesburg, Pa., 5-19-24,     |                      |        |             |
|                             | larc. from person, 6 mos., dish. 1-24-25.                            |                      |        |             |
|                             | Arthur Parsons, A9-132, Phila. Co. Pr., Holmesburg, Pa., 2-18-25,    |                      |        |             |
|                             | ent. with intent to steal, larc., 1 1/2 to 3 yrs., paroled 10-26-25. |                      |        |             |

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**Washington, D. C.**

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The following is the record of FBI number

387274

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS  | NAME AND NUMBER  | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
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|  | <p>A copy of the photograph of the above subject is attached hereto.</p> <p>The above individual may be identical with ARTHUR PARSONS, subject of your letter dated October 14, 1942, your #42-2955.</p> |                      |        |             |
| CC-Mr. James J. Bulger<br>Inspector<br>Amer. Express Co.<br>65 Broadway<br>New York, N. Y. |  |                      |        |             |

Enclosure



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

September 22, 1962

The following is the record of FBI number **2040900**

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS                         | NAME AND NUMBER         | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE        | DISPOSITION   |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| Prob. and Parole<br>Officer, Lawrence-<br>burg, Ky. | Clarence Parsons<br>#-- | 9-8-40               | wilful murder | verdict 2 yrs.<br>St. Ref., pro-<br>bated, period<br>5 yrs. |

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

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The following is the record of FBI number **3040900**

*J. E. Hoover*  
 Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS  | NAME AND NUMBER  | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
|--|--|----------------------|--------|-------------|
|  | <p>A search of the files of this Bureau fails to disclose a photograph of the above subject.</p> <p>The following is the description of this subject appearing on print #-- Prob. and Parole Off., Lawrenceburg, Ky. recd. 3-31-41:</p> <p>Color, white; sex, male; residence, Louisville, Ky; birthplace, Jefferson Co., Ky; nationality, Amer; age, 29 yrs; born 7-9-11; height, 5' 9"; complexion, light; hair, dark brown; weight, 145 pounds; eyes, blue; build, slender.</p> <p>The above individual may be identical with CLARENCE PARSONS, subject of your letter dated October 14, 1942, your #42-2059.</p> |                      |        |             |
| <p>CC-Mr. James J. Bulger<br/>         Inspector<br/>         Amer. Express Co.<br/>         65 Broadway<br/>         NYC, NY.</p> |  |                      |        |             |
| <p align="center"><b>FILED</b></p>   |  |                      |        |             |

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI

FILE NO. 76-585

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|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-4-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-1-43</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>HERBERT B. BOLLFRASS</b> <span style="float: right;">njs</span>  |
| TITLE<br><b>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>I.O. 1871; SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>I.O. 1870; HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>I.O. 1869</b>  |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR<br/>VEHICLE THEFT ACT; ESCAPED<br/>FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL<br/>ESCAPE ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">Pvt. ROBERT BEVER, brother of Subject BEVER interviewed. States that he has heard from brother only once since HARRY enlisted in Army and that letter was written from Hamilton County Jail in Jan., 1943. Denies having any knowledge of HARRY's plans or acquaintance with other Subjects of this case. Additional family background set out. ROBERT BEVER warned of possibilities of prosecution under Harboring Statute and he states that he will report any attempt of HARRY to contact him. Mail covers placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p>   |                                 |  |   |
| REFERENCE:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 13, 1943; Letter to the El Paso Field Division from the Cincinnati Office dated February 20, 1943.</p>  |                                 |  |   |
| DETAILS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Private ROBERT BEVER, Basic Training Squad, GRC, Kirtland Field, was interviewed at the above Field by reporting Agent. He stated that he had not heard from HARRY since HARRY enlisted in the Army in February, 1942, until January, 1943 when he had written him from the Hamilton County Jail. ROBERT said that this letter was in answer to a letter he had written his brother when his mother told him that HARRY was in jail, and that in the letter HARRY had not said anything about his future plans.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ROBERT stated that because of the six years difference in age he and HARRY had not associated much together and that he did not know the names of any of HARRY's close friends. He said that he did not know personally of any other Subjects in this</p> |                                 |  |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>S.H. Boyer</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |                                 | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">76-585-72</div> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; float: right;">RECORDED</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">MAR 17 1943</div> |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>2 - Des Moines<br>2 - Kansas City<br>2 - El Paso   |                                 |  |   |

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case when Agent repeated these names to him.

When questioned as to the family background, he gave the names of relatives listed in the above referenced report, and in addition stated that the three sisters of his mother were fond of HARRY, but he did not believe that they would help HARRY. These three aunts are Mrs. NEIL BAUMEL, street address unknown, Kansas City, Missouri; Miss DOROTHY DOWNING, Newton, Iowa and Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, Des Moines, Iowa.

ROY BEVER and GEORGE BEVER, who receive mail at Spickard, Missouri are also Uncles of HARRY BEVER and Mr. and Mrs. DAN GREEN, who receive mail at Mill Grove, Missouri are grandparents of Subject BEVER.

Reporting Agent advised ROBERT BEVER of the prosecutive action that could be taken against him in the event that he harbored HARRY BEVER or assisted him in any way. ROBERT volunteered his cooperation in the event that his brother contacted him and stated that he would advise the El Paso Office of any word received.

A mail cover on all mail received by ROBERT BEVER at Kirtland Field was placed with Lieutenant WOLF, S-2 Office, and a mail cover was also placed with the Albuquerque Post Office.

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWTON, IOWA

Will contact Miss DOROTHY DOWING, aunt of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information she may have concerning him.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will contact Mrs. ERDA ISAACS, aunt of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information she may have concerning him.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will contact Mrs. NEIL BAUMEL, aunt of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information she may have concerning him.

AT SPICKARD, MISSOURI

Will contact ROY and GEORGE BEVER, uncles of Subject BEVER, for any information they may have concerning him.

AT MILL GROVE, MISSOURI

Will contact Mr. and Mrs. DAN GREEN, grandparents of Subject BEVER for any pertinent information they may have concerning him.

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Will report the results of mail covers placed with the S-2 Office at Kirtland Field and the results of mail covers placed at the Albuquerque Post Office.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

MILWAUKEE

FILE NO. 76-235

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| <b>REPORT MADE AT</b><br>MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN            | <b>DATE WHEN MADE</b><br>3/10/43 | <b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b><br>2/24, 25, 26; 1943 | <b>REPORT MADE BY</b><br>DAVID P. EVANS <span style="float: right;">DPE:SJL</span> |
| <b>TITLE</b><br>HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ET AL, FUGITIVES |                                  |  | <b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b><br>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT        |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Milwaukee files reviewed without revealing any known relatives or associates of subjects to be interviewed in Milwaukee Field Office territory. Appropriate stops placed in Wisconsin on stolen car of DR. CLOYCE WILSON and on his stolen gasoline rationing books.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~  
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**REFERENCES:**


Report of Special Agent John A. Reiter made at Cincinnati, Ohio, 2/13/43.

Teletype from Cincinnati Field Office to Director, Milwaukee, and other Field Offices dated 2/17/43.

**DETAILS:**

Pursuant to reference report, the Milwaukee Field Office file entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was, FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE; Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42, BANK ROBBERY, NMVTA, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT" was reviewed without revealing the name of any relative or associate of the subjects in the territory of the Milwaukee Field Office.

Pursuant to reference teletype, a letter has been directed to the Motor Vehicle Department

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| <b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <br>SPECIAL AGENT | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |          |
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of the State of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wisconsin, asking that the Milwaukee Field Office be notified immediately in the event registration in Wisconsin is applied for on the stolen motor car of DR. CLOYCE WILSON of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. A request was also made for notification in the event application should be made in Wisconsin for an operator's license in the name of the subjects or their known aliases.

At the State of Wisconsin Rationing Headquarters, 161 West Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, there was discussed with MR. DON T. ALLEN, State Director, and MR. TOM FAIRCHILD of the Rationing Headquarters Legal Department the possibility of notifying all the gasoline rationing boards in the State of Wisconsin to watch for the presentation of the stolen gasoline rationing books of DR. WILSON. MR. ALLEN and MR. FAIRCHILD believe that such procedure would be practical, and are forthwith sending a special bulletin to each of the ninety-four gasoline rationing boards in the State of Wisconsin describing DR. WILSON's stolen car and rationing books, and requesting that in the event any such book is presented the State Headquarters be immediately advised by telephone. In such event, the advice would be immediately relayed to the Milwaukee Field Office.

The serial numbers of the stolen gasoline rationing books of DR. WILSON were supplied by teletype from the Cincinnati Field Office to the Milwaukee Field Office under date of 2/24/43, and were given to MR. FAIRCHILD for use in the above mentioned bulletin to all rationing boards as follows:

- 1 "A" Book - F-569279 AK
- 2 "C" Books - F-659031 U2  
                  F-659032 U2

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

NY FILE NO. **76-551** HBB

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8-5-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-14, 15, 17, 18, 25-43</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>MAX E. RICHARDSON</b>                                  |
| TITLE<br><b>WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>HARRY RALPH BEAVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE</b>   |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">Description of subjects broadcasted<br/>on eight state alarm and New York Police<br/>Department teletype system. <b>DEFERRED RECORDING</b></div> <div style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</div>   |                                 |  |   |
| REFERENCES:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER,<br/>CINCINNATI, OHIO, February 13, 1943.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Bureau teletype to New York dated<br/>February 15, 1943.</div>   |                                 |  |   |
| DETAILS:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">The New York Office was furnished with information as to the<br/>escape of the above subjects in Cincinnati teletype of Feb-<br/>ruary 13, 1943 to the Director and SAC's, with the request that criminal informants,<br/>police departments, and possible sources of information be contacted for information<br/>as to subjects' whereabouts. Inasmuch as the radio broadcasts by the New York<br/>Police Department automatically causes an eight state alarm, the Bureau was request-<br/>ed by New York referenced teletype for authority for such a broadcast. This autho-<br/>rity was granted by Bureau teletype dated February 15, 1943.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">The information was furnished the New York Police Department<br/>for radio broadcast on eight state alarm as well as its broadcast over the New<br/>York Police Department teletype system to all precincts. It had been ascertained<br/>that broadcasts were being made by New York Police Department radio on information<br/>furnished by the Cincinnati Police Department but that such information was not up<br/>to date and carried a meager description of the subjects.</div> |                                 |  |   |
| APPROVED AND<br>FORWARDED:<br><br><i>E. E. Conroy</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE      | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES   |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">③ - Bureau<br/>3 - Cincinnati<br/>2 - New York</div>   |                                 | <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">76-19276-175</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">1 MAR 8 1943</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">RECORDED</div> |   |
| <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">51 MAR 23 1943</div>   |                                 | <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">FUG. SUP.</div>  |   |

New York 76-651

The above information was furnished the New York Police Department on February 18, 1943 and included only descriptive data on the first three subjects listed and the automobile believed to be in their possession, inasmuch as the Cincinnati teletype of February 18, 1943 to all SACs advised of the apprehension of subjects ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS and CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS.

On February 25, 1943 Sergeant ARTHUR ALPERT of the Post Guard House, Fort Jay, New York, located at Governors Island, telephonically contacted Special Agent JOHN T. LUTEY, Jr. of the New York Office, with the information that he had just received a wanted circular reflecting photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, listing them as wanted with three other escaped federal prisoners. Sergeant ALPERT advised that these men (PARSONS brothers) were received at the Fort Jay Guard House, photographed and fingerprinted, on August 9, 1941 and released to the Reception Center at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He advised that he would make all records available if information were needed regarding these two men.

Inasmuch as the Cincinnati Office had advised that the PARSONS brothers had been apprehended, Sergeant ALPERT was telephonically contacted by the writer and so advised.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case

Originated at: CINCINNATI

File No: 91-428

Report Made at:

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Date Made:

3-6-43

Period:

2-13-43, 15-16-  
20-29/3-2-12-43

Report Made By:

DANIEL F. McHILLIAN, SA RA

Character:

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Title:  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, Fug.; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY,  
was, Fug.; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, Fug.; AVONDALE  
BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO  
10-31-42

## SYNOPSIS:

Cincinnati Office advised by teletype dated February 13, 1943 that above Fugitives escaped County Jail, Cincinnati, 6:15 P.M., February 12, 1943. Subjects BEVER, RADKAY and RICKETTS originally arrested Minneapolis on November 24, 1942; later being removed to Cincinnati to face charges of robbing AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, Cincinnati, October 31, 1942. Mrs. ANNE KELLER, friend of subject BEVER presently residing 1986 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. KELLER has been contacted by Detroit Office and offers cooperation. ESTHER ANDERSON, girl friend of RADKAY presently residing Hotel Kenwood, Apartment 307, Minneapolis; offers cooperation. Friend of subject RICKETTS, ALMA PETERSON, presently residing 2419 First Avenue South, Minneapolis; will cooperate. Thirty day covers placed on ESTHER ANDERSON and ALMA PETERSON, Minneapolis, February 16, 1943. ESTHER ANDERSON received three letters from subject RADKAY while he was in County Jail, Cincinnati. Subjects RADKAY and RICKETTS apprehended at Kansas City, March 2, 1943.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN W. REITER, Cincinnati, February 13, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent JOHN W. REITER, Cincinnati, February 22, 1943.  
Teletypes to Cincinnati and Detroit, February 13, 1943.  
Teletype from Bureau dated February 13, 1943.

## DETAILS:

The Cincinnati Office advised by teletype dated February 13, 1943 that the above fugitives and two others, namely, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, escaped from the County Jail at Cincinnati, Ohio. Inasmuch as the PARSONS boys have since been apprehended, their names are being deleted from the title of this report.

Subjects BEVER, RADKAY, and RICKETTS were arrested by the Minneapolis Police Department on November 24, 1942 and were later turned over to the

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St. Paul Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and were removed to the Cincinnati Division for prosecution in connection with the robbery of the AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, Cincinnati, Ohio on October 31, 1942.

At the time these individuals were arrested in Minneapolis and St. Paul on November 21, 1942 in different Hotels, they each had a girl friend with them. The girl friend of subject BEVER, namely, Mrs. ANNE KELLER, is presently residing at 1986 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. This information was secured from a letter from Mrs. KELLER addressed to Special Employee Agent KERMIT L. WESTBY on January 2, 1943. She is supposed to be living with her husband, JOSEPH KELLER, who is employed by the General Motors as an instrument worker in Detroit. Living with them is her sister-in-law, MAXINE KELLER.

A teletype was directed to the Detroit Office on February 13, 1943 informing that Mrs. KELLER was very much in love with subject BEVER and vice versa, and that no doubt BEVER would contact her at sometime in the future. Mrs. KELLER's telephone number in Detroit is Plaza 8189. The Detroit Office was informed that Mrs. KELLER should not be contacted when her husband was around. The Detroit Office is in possession of copy of the report of Special Employee Agent KERMIT L. WESTBY, St. Paul, dated December 14, 1942, which report reflects the circumstances surrounding the arrest of the above subjects and their girl friends.

ESTHER ANDERSON, girl friend of subject R. D. KELLY, with whom he was arrested at the King Cole Hotel, Minneapolis, presently resides at the Hotel Kenwood, Apartment 307, located at 1662 Hennepin Avenue. She is employed at the Happy Hour Nite Club, Nicollet Avenue at 15th Street, Minneapolis, where she works from 5:00 P.M. until 2:00 A.M. each night. On Sundays she is employed from 11:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Writer contacted ESTHER ANDERSON on February 13, 1943 at her apartment at which time she informed that since subject R. D. KELLY has been in the County Jail, Cincinnati, she has received three letters from him. She stated she has also written some letters to the subject, and that she indicated in her letters to R. D. KELLY she was very much in love with him, and desired to visit him at the County Jail in Cincinnati. She stated that R. D. KELLY is of the impression that she is in love with him and in all probability will contact her at sometime in the near future. She informed that in the event the subject does contact her, she will immediately notify this Office inasmuch as she realizes that he can never cause her anything but trouble.

She exhibited the three letters which she had received from R. D. KELLY to the writer and furnished copies of these letters which are being set out below:

Letter #1, postmarked at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 17, 1942, 8:00 A.M., addressed to Miss ESTHER ANDERSON, care of Happy Hour Nite Club, 16th & Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This letter is printed and is set forth as follows:

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"Dear Esther:

"I'm writting this letter left hand, so dont get disgusted at its shortness.

"I guess you know all by now and why I'm here. I never had the chance to apologize for the mess caused you account of me. Its hard to explain, but skip that now, write and let me know how you are, and getting along -

"My regards to the bunch and best I've ever met.

"Will write best as I can. My hand is still in the cast.

"With love as ever  
Call me BILL, not S.M."

Return: WILLIAM RABLEY, c/o Hamilton County Jail, "Cincinnati", Ohio.

Letter #2, postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio, December 31, 1942, 11:00 A.M., addressed to Miss ESTHER L. WILSON, care of Kenwood Hotel, Apartment 307, 1682 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Air Mail; this letter is quoted as follows and was written, not printed:

"Dearest Esther:

"The pleasure came with the arrival of your letter and card. I also heard from my mother. She wanted to come to Minneapolis while I was in the hospital, but I told her in a wire not to. I didn't know much of my condition, but soon learned of the circumstances I was in the effects of the fall are just wearing off.

"They claim to have a serious charge against me here, but not as bad as claimed. I expect to be acquitted at a trial. I haven't done any of those silly things, that's why I had to leave a good home your one. I was blamed for everything that happened in K.C. because of my record. Am sorry to hear how you feel, but you understand fate, a well planned Christmas was ruined. They don't allow smokes to be sent to us, all these things are said here. Am pencilling this with my rt. hand its getting better. By the way, George said "hello".

"And honey don't be shedding any Tears, things will come out O.K. I often think of the fun at the H.H. Club.

"Love & regards,  
the best ---- Bill."

Letter #3, postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio, January 9, 1943, 10:00 A.M., addressed to Miss ESTHER L. WILSON, care of Kenwood Hotel, Apartment 307, 1682 Hennepin Avenue,

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Minneapolis. No return was given. This letter was written, and is quoted as follows:

"Dear Esther:

"Received your letter & thanks for the kind message. Circumstances have changed the outlook of my future and things look very gloomy so its best you understand now as you will have to later on & dont try & visit me as its doubtful that you could get to see me. & when the time comes that I will be sent away, thats for sure you'll not be allowed to write or visit. It is easier to forget while time is young. I'm in it up to my neck & its worse every day.

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"Try to understand that I'm not complaining, the whole condition I'm in at the present, at the insistence of the higher up on just a matter of opinion. Makes a predicament worse. I'm disgusted enough at the things I'm accused of & sick of ideas of any. Tell Alice I said hello & miss the fun awfull lot. I just wondered what don't the boys thought of the whole scandal. Well, Esther, this may as well be the goodbye note. It was swell that I met you, but fate deems otherwise. No hope can help me & there is no one else.

"Goodbye, with  
love, BILL."

The writer has contacted ETHEL ANDERSON on three or four occasions, the last time on February 25, 1947, at which time she informed that she has had no contact with subject BILLY or any of the other individuals whatsoever, and still maintains that she will immediately notify this Office if she does receive such communication.

The writer contacted ALMA PETERSON, girl friend of subject RICHARDS, with whom he was arrested at the Parkway Hotel in Minneapolis on November 24, 1944. She is presently residing at 2319 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, a private residence for girls. She informed that she has had no contact with subject RICHARDS or any of the other individuals since they were arrested together at the Parkway Hotel. She states that she has no love for subject RICHARDS or the others, and is scared to death for fear one of them might try to contact her. She informed that if any of the subjects did contact her, she would immediately notify the writer. The telephone and address of the St. Paul Office has been furnished to the above girls.

As a result of the mail covers placed on ETHEL ANDERSON and ALMA PETERSON at Minneapolis, two letters have been received by ETHEL ANDERSON: one postmarked at Galveston, Texas, February 25, 1947, from the American National Insurance Company addressed to ETHEL A. ANDERSON, 1682 Hennepin, Room 407, Minneapolis, Minnesota;

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another postmarked Indianapolis, Ind., February 22, 1943 from the Commonwealth Loan Company, Inc., addressed to ESTHER ANDERSON, 1632 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis.

ALMA PETERSON has received two letters addressed to her at 2319 First Avenue South, Minneapolis; the first being postmarked February 16, 1943 at Dayton, Ohio from the McCall Corporation; another postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 18, 1943, with return address 517 Plymouth Building.

Special Agent in Charge, C. W. STEIN, contacted Inspector of Detectives, JAMES MULLEN of the Minneapolis Police Department on February 14, 1943, and informed him that this Office had contacted the two girl friends of subjects and informed that those two girls had offered their cooperation and that in the event any information is secured that the subjects are in Minneapolis, his Department would be immediately notified and that they would be in on the pick-up.

Special Agent S. W. HARRY contacted Assistant U. S. Attorney, LINUS J. HARMOND on February 21, 1943. He informed that the complaints filed against subjects RABINY, BEVER and RICKETTS on November 27, 1942 charging violation of Section 408, title 18 of the U. S. Code for Interstate Transportation of the 1941 Plymouth Coach, Motor #P12-261752 were still outstanding, and that the warrants were still in effect. He informed that these warrants would be kept outstanding until these subjects were taken into custody and a disposition made of their cases.

It will be noted that the report of Special Employed Agent MERVYN L. WESTBURY, St. Paul, dated December 14, 1942 failed to set forth information to the effect that above complaint was filed in St. Paul on these individuals. The synopsis did reflect such information, but the details did not.

Wanted Notices on the above subjects were received by the St. Paul Office on February 19, 1943 and were mailed to the Field Office mailing list. I.O. as to subjects RICKETTS and BEVER have been received and have been mailed to the mailing list.

A news item contained in the St. Paul Dispatch dated February 27, 1943 reflected that subjects had been seen in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, and that a gun battle had ensued between them and the local police which resulted in the subjects leaving the automobile in which they were supposed to have been riding, and that they had been successful in eluding capture.

According to the Minneapolis Police Department, subjects are presently riding in a 1943 Pontiac Coupe, Maroon, with 1942 Missouri license plates 716277. Whether this information is correct is not known.

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A teletype was directed to the Kansas City Office on March 1, 1943 requesting that Office to furnish the St. Paul Office with details of the subjects' scrap with the Kansas City Police in order that it might be definitely known what happened. There is a good possibility these subjects will come to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Every effort will be made to cause their apprehension in the event they do come to Minneapolis.

Since dictating the above, the Kansas City Office advised by teletype on March 1, 1943 that subject WILLIAM R. DEWY was apprehended by Bureau Agents at Kansas City during evening of March 1st, 1943, and that subject RICKETTS was apprehended by Bureau Agents and Kansas City Police Department early on the morning of March 2nd, 1943; that subject BEVER is still at large. Even though R. DEWY and RICKETTS have been apprehended, contact will still be had with the above mentioned girl friends of R. DEWY and RICKETTS in Minneapolis, who are friends of Mrs. ALICE HELLER who is in Detroit, Michigan, with the thought that possibly BEVER may contact one of them.

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ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION:

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

Will maintain contact with ESTHER ANDERSON at 1682 Hennepin Avenue, the Hotel Kennwood, Apartment #307, and also at the Happy Hour Nite Club where she is employed to determine whether or not she has had any contact with subject BEVER.

Will report the results of mail covers placed on ESTHER ANDERSON.

At 2312 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, will keep in contact with MILD PETERSON, girl friend of subject FLETCHER to determine if she has received any word from subject BEVER.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-544**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>                    | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-15-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-27, 28-43<br/>3-1, 2, 3-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>WILLIAM J. JOVICK</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>NAD</b></span> |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE<br/>ET AL.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b>              |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Teletype from Louisville on 2-27-43 reflected that subject RADKAY made a statement to Dr. BLOCH, Jewish Hospital at Louisville, that he would have his broken heel treated and placed in a cast at a Cleveland Hospital, as he was going there to work for Richman Clothing Co. and subject also gave Cleveland address of 5607 Dibble Avenue. Investigation of CARLOS, ELMORE and JACOB P. LUNDER, occupants of 5607 Dibble Avenue, conducted with negative results. A check made with Richman Clothing Company, Mt. Sinai Hospital, neighbors and the Cleveland Police Department to determine whether or not RADKAY was in the Cleveland Field Division.

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**Reference:**

Teletype from Louisville dated 2-27-43.

**Details:**

At Cleveland, Ohio

Upon receipt of teletype dated February 27, 1943, from Louisville, the Cleveland Field Division office initiated investigation to determine the occupants of the address at 5607 Dibble Avenue, which address RADKAY gave to Dr. BLOCH while being treated at the Jewish Hospital at Louisville.

It was ascertained from the City Directory that CARLOS ELMORE and JACOB P. LUNDER and wife, VIDA

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were occupants of this address. A check of the Credit Bureau and the local Police Department revealed no record of ELMORE but it was learned that JACOB P. LUNDER, 5607 Dibble Avenue, was arrested for a minor traffic violation in 1940 and was fined \$3.00. His description as set out by the Cleveland Police Department is as follows:-

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Birth date     | 12-29-14 in the United States |
| Height         | 5'10"                         |
| Weight         | 150 lbs.                      |
| Hair           | Brown                         |
| Eyes           | Blue                          |
| Marital status | Married                       |
| Employment     | Cleveland Graphite Bronze.    |

Detective CISAN, Cleveland Police Department, advised that Dibble Street was in his territory and that it was made up mostly of Slovenian and Croatian nationalities and that the neighborhood was considered good. CISAN did not know either ELMORE or LUNDER.

AGNES BAROW, The Superior Detective Agency, corner of Dibble and 55th Streets, stated that she did not know the names of the persons in that block and that as far as she knew all persons residing on Dibble Street were law abiding citizens and that no unknown persons or foreign licensed cars were seen in that vicinity lately.

L. B. SECORE, Plant Protection Manager, Cleveland Graphite Bronze, produced the records of JACK JACOB LUNDER. The records revealed that LUNDER was born on December 29, 1914, his parents were named JACOB LUNDER and AGNES LESAR LUNDER; that he was employed on July 14, 1941 upon the recommendation of his sister, FRANCES LUNDER, present employee of the Cleveland Graphite Bronze, as a burr polisher and braider. His previous employers were the Japan Company, 51st Street and Lakeside, Supervisor CARL MORRISON, and The Cola Company, 25th and Superior. He was married to VIDA, age 22, and his Selective Service number is 272-05-3796. He gave the following as personal references:-

WILLIAM FREEDMAN, 5603 Dibble Avenue; WILLIAM REES, 5613 Dibble Avenue, and LUNDER's work record until the present time has been very satisfactory.

SECORE also produced an occupational deferment which was obtained from the War Department on Mr. LUNDER, which deferment revealed that subject was registered at Local Board #2, Cleveland, Order No. 2175; that his position at the present time was grinder operator and drill press operator. Mr. SECORE made available a picture of JACK LUNDER, which picture is being retained in the Cleveland Field Division office file.



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A mail cover and telegram cover on the address at 5607 Dibble Avenue was placed and was removed upon notification of apprehension of subjects RADKAY and RICKETTS.

Miss LILLIAN FRAME, at the Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, produced the credit records of JACK P. LUNDER which revealed that LUNDER now resides at 5607 Dibble Avenue, having previously resided at 5603 Dibble and that he was employed at the Rolo Company, 2530 Superior Company. The only information regarding credit was that from 1937 through 1941 there were numerous inquiries from financial companies but no credit transaction.

Miss OFFENBAKER, Night Supervisor of the Sinai Hospital, 1800 E. 105th Street, Cleveland, checked the records of the Hospital in an effort to determine whether or not RADKAY was admitted for treatment for a broken heel. No person by the name of RADKAY, and in fact no one with a broken heel, was treated recently.

On February 27, 1943, Agent telephonically contacted GEORGE H. RICHMAN, Secretary and Treasurer of the Richman Bros., Clothing Company, to inquire if RADKAY was employed by his firm or if he had made application to be employed by them. Mr. RICHMAN advised that his firm has not hired anyone of the age of RADKAY and that all employees and all applicants are finger printed. On March 1st, 1943, Agent personally contacted Mr. RICHMAN and supplied him with information and a wanted notice on subject and advised him to immediately contact the Cleveland Field Division office in the event RADKAY or his accomplices made application for a position.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Cincinnati, Ohio

Will interview RADKAY to determine his connections with occupants of 5607 Dibble Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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## Robbers Resemble Bandits Who Fled From County Jail

Three of the men who engineered the spectacular break from the County Jail February 12 are wanted in Kansas City, Mo., on warrants for kidnaping and jail breaking, a radio message to Cincinnati police said late last night. The three escaped on foot after wrecking their automobile in a chase, Kansas City police said.

The possibility that three bandits who robbed a grocery in Felicity, Ohio, 30 miles from Cincinnati, Thursday night, are the three bank robbers who escaped from Hamilton County Jail February 12, was being investigated yesterday by Federal Bureau of Investigation and Clermont County authorities.

The fact that the bandits took

canned goods, as well as a small amount of cash, bolstered the theory that they may have been three of the five men who fled the jail. Two already have been recaptured.

Miss Leonora Evans, 21 years old, sister of Raymond Evans, proprietor of the grocery, said the men resembled the three bandits, but she was unable to identify them more definitely. She said they pulled their hats down and their coat collars up before entering the store.

Miss Evans was alone in the store when she saw an automobile in front. She saw the three men leave the car and start for the store. Becoming suspicious when they pulled their hats down and their coat collars up, she hurriedly took \$30 from the cash register and hid it. Entering the store, one man, armed with an automatic pistol, told her to sit down. She was slow in complying, so he pushed her.

There was some discussion among the men as to whether Miss Evans had seen their faces. Then one of the men struck her, knocking her unconscious. Her face was scratched and one eye was blackened.

When she recovered, 15 minutes later, the men had left with approximately \$10 from the cash register and a small quantity of food, which they had stuffed into a shopping bag they were carrying. They took canned goods, pancake flour, and syrup.

Miss Evans notified Sheriff Thomas Brooks and Deputy Sheriff Frank Abbott, who informed the FBI in Cincinnati. A broadcast for the bandits' automobile was sent out by the State Highway Patrol.

Federal agents showed pictures of the three escaped bank bandits to Miss Evans. The bandits were Harry Beaver, 27, and William D. Radkey, 27, both of Kansas City, Mo., and Samuel Ricketts, 28, St. Paul, Minn., who were being held on bank robbery charges when they escaped from jail in Cincinnati.

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March 8, 1943

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APPREHENSION ORDER NO.

1871-846

FBI NO.

911,699

RE: WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases:  
James Murphy, Samuel Isaac Radkay,  
William Radkay, Sam Radke, William I. Radkey,  
William Radkay, William Isaac Radkay, William  
Radke, Willie Radke, Wm. I. Radke, Willie  
Radkey, Bob Reese, S. R. Reuben, Sammy Reuben,  
Sammy Isaac Reuben, William Rodman, George E.  
Rowan, Samuel Isaac Rowan, George Rowan, Sam  
Rubin, Samuel Isaac Rubbin, "Sam," Willie".  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1871 on the above named subject is hereby  
cancelled inasmuch as he was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri, March 1,  
1943.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. **COMMUNICATIONS SECTION**  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Harbo  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1871

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March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1870; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1871; HARRY  
RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1869; et al; BANK ROBBERY;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of Apprehension  
Order No. 846, William Isaac Radkay, Identification Order  
No. 1871.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosure**

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson ★ **MAR 9 - 1943 P.M.**

Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 8, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Attached hereto are copies of the report of Special Agent NELLIS E. MANSON, dated March 10, 1943, at Kansas City, Missouri, from which it will be observed that fugitive RATKAY was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, during the evening of March 1, 1943, by Special Agents MILTON B. DICKERSON and RUSKIN R. LINES, on the streets of Kansas City, Missouri. I consider this a very splendid piece of work, and I desire to commend both of these Agents for their alertness as to the manner in which they handled themselves in effecting the apprehension of this person. They brought him to the office promptly, without any ostentation or mishap of any kind or nature.

During the night of March 1, 1943, the case received vigorous investigative attention and from the report of Agent MANSON it will be observed that a telephone call was received early during the morning of March 2, 1943, from a cab driver, who promptly was interviewed and who furnished information as to the then possible location of Fugitives RICKETTS and BEVER.

Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. MILLER and WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY, together with four police officers from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, went to the apartment house at 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It is my understanding this situation was discussed in the office that morning prior to the time the Agents and police officers went to the address in question. RICKETTS was apprehended in the basement of the apartment house at 721 West 11th Street. He was then promptly brought to the Kansas City Bureau Office by Special Agents CAMPBELL and MILLER and two detectives, leaving at the address 721 West 11th Street Special Agents O'MAHONEY and MURPHY and two Kansas City, Missouri Police Officers.

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I am transmitting herewith memoranda prepared by Special Agents WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY and MILTON B. DICKERSON, of this office, which relate to what occurred in connection with this case during the morning of March 2, 1943, in our efforts to apprehend BEVER.



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RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, FUG., etal

It is to be noted that Fugitive BEVER was not apprehended and is still at large.

These memoranda which I am attaching hereto will show clearly and without any doubt in my mind that fugitive BEVER came back to the residence at 721 West 11th Street; that he passed Police Officer PINK without an identification and that Special Agent WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY failed to identify him. He was in our hands, yet we failed to get him.

It is to be noted that copies of this investigative report have to be furnished the United States Attorneys at Topeka, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, Cincinnati, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. I purposely deleted from this investigative report the interview with the taxicab driver, which appears in the memorandum attached hereto prepared by Special Agent MILTON B. DICKERSON. (Page 11). It would be embarrassing to the Bureau for any persons outside of our service to observe our patent failure to take fugitive BEVER into custody when he was almost in our hands.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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✓ This is a good example of what happens when we have the rely on Police cooperation. The police officer talked to him and eliminated him. O'Mahoney was carrying out his assignment and it is reasonable he would rely on the Police Officer.



Kansas City, Missouri  
March 6, 1943

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.**

This is to advise that following receipt of information that Subjects HARRY RALPH BEVER, fugitive, and SAMUEL RICKETTS were located in the basement of the apartment building at 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, I was designated as one of the Agents to assist in causing the apprehension of these Subjects.

I was with Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL and ROBERT B. MILLER in the office of the Agent in Charge in the Kansas City Field Division when the plan of operation regarding the manner in which Subjects were to be apprehended was discussed among the Agents and with the four Detectives from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, which department had been notified of the receipt of the information regarding the whereabouts of Subjects BEVER and RICKETTS.

Two of the City Detectives, RAY MINNICK and TOM REIDMAN, were to be stationed at the rear corners of the apartment building, overlooking the bluff that descends to 12th Street. WILLIAM FINEK was to take up a position at the corner of Summit and 11th Streets, which was also the northwest corner of the apartment building at 721 West 11th Street. The writer assumed the position about fifteen feet away from the northeast corner of the apartment building in a parking lot in which were parked three or four automobiles. Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. MILLER and City Detective CLARENCE SKINNER, as prearranged, entered the apartment building and proceeded to the basement where DELBERT GOBEN had definitely stated that the fugitives were hiding.

The writer had taken up the position as indicated above about 6:20 A.M. on the morning of March 2, 1943, and after being so stationed for a period of about fifteen minutes two individuals emerged from the apartment building and they were immediately accosted in order that they might be viewed and identified. These two individuals were young men about eighteen years old and were dressed in overalls, carrying lunch pails. The writer receded east a distance of approximately twenty-five or thirty feet, in order that these individuals could be brought under a street light, in order for full identification. They furnished the names of SMITH and claimed to be residents in the apartment building under surveillance and when it was observed that they did not compare with the likenesses previously furnished of the Subjects in this case, they were permitted to proceed.

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Similarly a woman, who emerged from the apartment building, was permitted to proceed. This activity took place while the other Agents mentioned and Detective SKINNER were in the basement of the apartment building.

At approximately 6:40 a yellow taxicab was observed to drive up in front of 721 West 11th Street and an individual emerged from the taxicab a distance of about twenty or twenty-five feet from where Detective WILLIAM FINK was stationed. Detective FINK accosted this individual and directed him to walk down to where he was stationed under a street lamp, located on the corner, and FINK conversed with this individual for from five to six minutes. Snatches of the conversation, which were barely audible, indicated to the writer that FINK had insisted that this individual identify himself and this individual made a remark about employment in some plant. The writer also heard FINK request that this individual show him his identification button. The writer then stepped back east to the original position in the middle of the parking lot and about that time the individual that Detective FINK was questioning started walking toward the writer. The writer stopped this individual at a point about directly in front of the steps leading into the apartment building and from a distance of about twenty to twenty-five feet asked him what it was that he wanted. The individual said that the officer had sent him up to ask if it was all right to go into the building as he wanted to go up on the second floor where he was to meet one CLAUDE MURPHY with whom he worked.

Believing that this individual had properly identified himself to Detective FINK at the corner and in view of the fact that this individual claimed that he was going to the second floor of the apartment building, permission was granted to him to ascend the steps and enter the apartment building and go up to the second floor. As he did so the writer moved down toward the front of the apartment building, keeping a distance of about twenty feet between the writer and this individual so that it was possible to see this individual ascend the steps leading from the main lobby of the apartment building to the second floor. This could be seen from the sidewalk as the front door of the apartment building is plate glass.

The writer again took up a position off the northeast corner of the apartment building and in a few minutes Special Agent MILLER emerged from the apartment building and advised that only one Subject had been located in the basement and he inquired whether anybody had left the building. Special Agent MILLER was advised of the two boys and the woman who had left the apartment building and was advised

that no one else had left the building.

It may be stated here that the features of the individual who talked to Detective FINK were not clearly discernible from the point where the writer conversed with him regarding permission to go into the apartment building. For this reason and because it was the belief of the writer that this individual had already established his identity to the Detective on the corner, he was permitted to enter the apartment building to avoid commotion and activity on the outside of the building.

In addition, at the time when plans for making the arrests of Subjects were discussed in the office of the Special Agent in Charge, all those present, including the Detectives, were asked whether they had photographs and had seen the photographs of the Subjects who were being sought. They all indicated that they were familiar with or had seen photographic likenesses of the two Subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wm. B. O'Mahoney*

WM. B. O'MAHONEY,  
Special Agent.

WBO'M:B

Kansas City, Missouri

March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

JACK LUPARDUS, 1001 East 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed and stated he is a driver for the Yellow Taxicab Company; that he picked up a man, whom he identified from photographs shown him, as BEVER, at the corner of 11th and Jefferson Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, at 5:50 A.M., March 2, 1943. He stated this man told him he wanted to go to 17th and Garfield Streets, Kansas City, Kansas, and after discussing the route, they finally drove over the 12th Street viaduct and out Central Avenue to 17th Street and then north. LUPARDUS said he stopped in front of 1701 Garfield, where this person got out, went into the house and was gone about three minutes. LUPARDUS said no lights came on in this house and that his passenger came out a side entrance; that this person then had him drive directly back to 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which they reached at approximately 6:35 A.M. This person paid him the fare and since this building is located on a corner, he made a circle turn and noted that his passenger was talking with a man at the Northwest corner of the house. He said he also noted another man approximately 30 feet East who had a shotgun or rifle, which made him suspicious and he drove rapidly away.

Respectfully submitted:

*Milton B. Dickerson*

MILTON B. DICKERSON  
SPECIAL AGENT

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: CINCINNATI, OHIO

File No. 91-675

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| Report Made At<br><b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>   | Date Made<br><b>3-10-43</b> | Period<br><b>2-13 to 3-10-43</b> | Report Made By<br><b>NELLIS EMANUEL MANSON (A) BLN</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases-Fugitive<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases-Fugitive<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases-Fugitive<br/>Et al.</b> |                             |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT<br/>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT<br/>ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 3-1-43, WILLIAM RADKAY apprehended, and on 3-2-43, SAMUEL RICKETTS apprehended, K. C., Mo. Both admitted escaping Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2-12-43, together with BEVER; stealing a Chevrolet car, abandoning same; and holding up and tying Dr. CLOYCE WILSON in a house in Cincinnati; then taking his Chrysler Sedan to Louisville, Kentucky, where they abandoned it. They admit stealing a Pontiac coupe in Louisville, and stealing license plates from another car in St. Louis, Mo., and arriving Kansas City 2-25-43 and abandoning this car in shooting affray, 2-26-43. Value of Pontiac car, \$350.00. USA, K.C., Mo., declined prosecution, and a fugitive complaint was filed 3-2-43, charging violation Federal Escape Act. They waived hearing, and USM, K.C. Mo., removed them to Cincinnati, Ohio on 3-4-43. Investigation continuing to locate BEVER as he contacted several persons in Kansas City, obtaining at least \$10 from each of two persons. Was last definitely seen K.C., Mo. on morning of 3-2-43.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Cincinnati Field Office dated February 13, 1943 to Kansas City Field Office.

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 13, 1943 and February 22, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Approved: *[Signature]*

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DETAILS:

Immediately upon the receipt of the teletype from the Cincinnati Office on February 13, 1943, the Police Departments of both Kansas Cities, as well as the Sheriff's Offices at both places, were contacted and the information relative to the Fugitives given, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Lee's Summit, Missouri, was likewise given this information. All promised cooperation in the hunt for the Fugitives.

Agents HAROLD L. SCOTT and WILLIAM JAMES BURKE ascertained that 3825 Central Street, Kansas City, Missouri, is an apartment house and on the ground floor, north apartment, reside ROY E. WALKUP, J. C. SHEPHERD and KAY RICKETTS. It was ascertained that KAY RICKETTS is the wife of Fugitive RICKETTS and that J. C. SHEPHERD is in reality Mrs. ROY E. WALKUP, sister of KAY RICKETTS. The apartment on the south side, ground floor, is occupied by LUDWIG ISENBERG, his wife and son. The janitor of the building is E. D. WHITFIELD, colored. It was ascertained that there is no telephone in the apartment of KAY RICKETTS. Mrs. ISENBERG was interviewed without securing information that would be helpful in the apprehension of the Fugitive RICKETTS or his associates. She knew nothing that would be of interest. WHITFIELD advised that he would notify the Kansas City Office should any strange men appear at this apartment.

It was ascertained that at 2711 Peory, Kansas City, Missouri, there resides Mr. ORA NICHOLAS whose wife is THELMA and whose infant son is BILLY. These individuals are acquainted with KAY RICKETTS and have apparently been corresponding with RICKETTS and the Valentine referred to in the teletype was sent by Mrs. NICHOLAS and her infant son. Police cooperating with the Kansas City Office, who are acquainted with these individuals, have advised that they will cooperate.

It was ascertained that the following are the near relatives of Fugitives:

RICKETTS

Wife - KAY RICKETTS-CARROLL, 3825 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, also Noble's Cafe, 3 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Father - THOMAS R. RICKETTS, believed deceased.

Mother - Mrs. JULIA RICKETTS, 3023 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother - HENRY AARON RICKETTS, with mother, 3023 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri. On parole and a WPA worker.

Sisters - Mrs. LESTER (VELCEY) WILLIAMS, 2419 South Mill, Rosedale, Kansas.  
Telephone - WE-5685.

Sisters (Cont) - Mrs. GLENN (RUTH) HOLLOWAY, Route 10, North Kansas City, Missouri. Telephone - GL-4964.

Mrs. JAMES BOULDING, 3011 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.  
Telephone - LI-5878.

Mrs. WILLIAM G. (STELLA) DAME, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Mo.

#### BEVER

Parents - BLANCHE and OWSA BEVER, 115 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Aunt - NELLIE PAUL, 2314 Spruce, Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother - THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, 2222 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, Apt. #20

Brother - ROBERT D. BEVER, Basic Training Squadron, G.R.C., Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ex-wife - DIKIE FARRETT, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, Apt. #102.  
Telephone VA-9350.

Emergency telephone, care of KENNETH JENSEN, LO 5675.

Employed - Commercial Equipment Company, 14th and McGee Streets,  
Kansas City, Missouri

#### RADKAY

Mother - VERA TOMASEGOVICH, 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas.

Brother - JOSHUA RADKAY, with mother, 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas.  
(A half-bro)

Foster Parents - ISAAC and MARY RADKAY, 250 North 5th, Kansas City, Kansas.

Sister - Mrs. UZIEL, 729 Orville, Kansas City, Kansas.

Step-sister - ELIZABETH THOMAS, 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas.  
(A daughter of RADKAY'S mother and of her second husband,  
STEVE TOMASEGOVICH)

Step-brother - FRANK THOMAS (He is now in the United States Army.)

Mail covers were placed as to relatives in the Kansas Cities.

Agents WILSON E. DICKERSON and HAROLD L. SCOTT, in company with Detectives ELI YOVETICH and GEORGE TRAUSCHER, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, called at the residence of ISAAC and MARY RADKAY, foster parents of Subject RADKAY, where Agent DICKERSON, with ELI YOVETICH, who speaks the same language as the RADKAY family, and whose father-in-law also lives next door to the RADKAY family, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. RADKAY. No information of assistance was obtained other than that the Fugitive RADKAY was reported as

having the following cousins residing in Indiana:

JOHN RADKAY, 4524 Massachusetts, Gary, Indiana;  
CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland, Gary, Indiana;  
JOE RADKAY, 5024 Narva Place, East Chicago, Indiana

This information was furnished by teletype to the Indianapolis Office under date of the 15th instant, as well as to the Cincinnati Office, together with additional information that there was indication that the Fugitive RADKAY is supposed to have one time married some woman at Gary, Indiana, and that the cousins might have knowledge of it. This information was not obtained from the RADKAY family.

The mother of RADKAY, and other relatives of his living at 510 Splitlog, Kansas City, Kansas, were interviewed but no information that would be of assistance was obtained.

Agents MILTON B. DICKERSON and HAROLD L. SCOTT also at Kansas City, Missouri, interviewed the various relatives of Fugitive RICKETTS but secured no information that would be of assistance looking to his location and apprehension.

Agent DICKERSON interviewed THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, a brother of Fugitive BEVER, and also his wife, but secured no information of interest.

DIXIE DEAN GARRETT, Apartment #102, Granada Apartments, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, former wife of BEVER, was interviewed by Agent DICKERSON and promised her cooperation as she said she did not care to have anything further to do with him.

KAY RICKETTS, wife of the Fugitive RICKETTS was interviewed at the Kansas City Office and advised she is working at Noble's Cafe, 12th and Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri; that she has not been divorced from the Fugitive RICKETTS and said that she would cooperate looking to his apprehension, indicating that she did not want him to get her into any trouble.

All interviewed were diplomatically advised of the Harboring Statute.

Mr. R. J. SMITH, an investigator for the Quartermaster Depot, Independence and Hardesty, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed on February 18, 1943 by Agent HAROLD L. SCOTT and he advised that he had previously talked with Inspector REX WILLIS, Detective Division of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, with whom he was personally acquainted. Mr. SMITH said that no help could be expected from KAY RICKETTS, wife of the Fugitive, as he stated she had a brother in the penitentiary and that her former husband was in the penitentiary. He said that that he believed Fugitive RADKAY would contact a taxicab driver named TONY, last name unknown, who drove a 1940 fluid-drive Chrysler automobile, he thought, in Buffalo, New York, and he believed that he was the individual whom RADKAY and HARRY (BUDDY) O'DELL had kidnaped at the time they pulled a job believed at Buffalo.



that they released him and that apparently he had made a proposition to operate with them. SMITH said he would endeavor through his contacts to secure information that might be of interest and that if he did so he would contact the Kansas City Office. In this connection it should be stated that O'DELL and RADKAY are said to have pulled a stick-up at Niagara Falls, New York, for which O'DELL is at present serving a ten year sentence.

An appropriate teletype was forwarded to the Buffalo Office requesting that they endeavor to locate the taxicab driver named TONY at Niagara Falls and see if information could be obtained that would be of interest relative to the apprehension of RADKAY, as that is where TONY is believed to be located.

Early on the morning of February 26, 1943, Inspector REX WILLIS, to whom BEVER, RADKAY and RICKETTS are well known, advised Agent SCOTT that he had received information indicating that Fugitive RICKETTS was in Kansas City, Missouri and had called at the home of Mrs. CURTIS L. GIBSON, 6433 Charlotte, Kansas City, Missouri, whose husband operates the Paris Inn, 2625 East 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri; that RICKETTS had asked her where he might locate her husband and had made some remark indicating that they were too hot to call at his place of business and thought her husband might have some place where he could hide them out. RICKETTS immediately left. Mr. GIBSON, upon his return home, notified Inspector WILLIS and at that time it appeared that Mrs. GIBSON thought RICKETTS was accompanied by at least one other individual who remained in the car which she believed to be a Nash, probably a 1939 model, gray convertible coupe. Agent SCOTT joined Inspector WILLIS and other detectives riding with him, and Detective JOHN P. HARRINGTON and his partner were placed in a squad car to keep watch over the GIBSON residence.

Inspector WILLIS and Agent SCOTT called at the home of KAY RICKETTS, interviewed her. She denied any knowledge of the Fugitives and promised cooperation.

Other law enforcement agencies were advised as to the reported presence of RICKETTS and associate Fugitives in Kansas City, Missouri, and immediate action was taken by these departments in the two Kansas Cities and two counties in which these cities are located as to the look out for these Fugitives. The Cincinnati Office was advised by teletype as to the report that Fugitives were in the Kansas City area.

Later on the afternoon of February 26, 1943, Agent HAROLD L. SCOTT received a call from Inspector WILLIS at which time he said that someone had called at the home of Mr. R. J. SMITH, 1817 Perdition, Kansas City, Missouri, and that it was believed that this might be one of the Fugitives as the party answered the general description of BEVER. Inspector WILLIS later called Agent SCOTT and said that he was at the home of Mr. SMITH and that who-

over it was trying to contact him might call back. Agent SCOTT, in company with Agent CHARLES G. CARR, went to the vicinity of Mr. SMITH's home, where Agent SCOTT contacted FRED ENNIS, RAY WILLIAMS, and JAMES WEISICK, all detectives and in a squad car. These detectives, all veterans, were acquainted with the fugitives, and advised they had not observed the fugitives, but were staying in the immediate vicinity of the home of SMITH on the lookout for any trace of the fugitives. They advised that Inspector REX WILLIS was in the home of Mr. SMITH. Mr. SMITH, it should be noted, also carries a commission which entitles him to be armed.

Agent SCOTT went into the home of Mr. SMITH after this conversation, and advised Agent CARR to return to headquarters. Mr. SMITH said he believed whoever it was called, would, in all probability, call back; that he could not give any reason why any one of the fugitives would want to contact him, and from an interview with the father and mother of Mr. SMITH, it was believed that possibly the caller might be BETTER. Mr. SMITH said that he had various callers at his house by the very nature of his business.

It was arranged that should this caller return, the door would be opened, the caller admitted and, if he was the fugitive, covered by either Inspector WILLIS or Agent SCOTT, and the other, either WILLIS or SCOTT, would immediately step on the porch to cover anyone else who might be with the party calling at the door, it being remembered also that the squad car was adjacent.

At about 7:00 P.M., Agent SCOTT was at the telephone when someone said there was a car driving up. Inspector WILLIS said he was not sure of the identification and proceeded to the telephone to call the dispatcher. As the door wasn't immediately opened, the man on the porch apparently caught sight of the squad car in command of Detective ENNIS, and started to make the get-a-way, running from the porch. The squad car having blocked the street, the car which had just approached the SMITH residence, attempted to drive up the sidewalk, and doing so, ran into Inspector WILLIS' car, which was parked at the curbing, and then the car ran into a small brick wall, stopped, proceeded a short distance and crashed into a tree, wrecking the car. During this interim, the automobile was under fire by riot guns, rifles and revolvers. Two men fled from the car after the crash, making their escape between two buildings. An immediate search was made for all three of the men in the neighborhood. A general alarm was broadcast as to the fugitives.

Special Agents CHARLES G. CARR and JOHN BENJAMIN WHITE, upon examination of the wrecked car, ascertained that it was a 1938 green Pontiac coupe, bearing 1942 Missouri License #453-818, and Motor #8-93142. The left front wheel was broken off, and it had two holes in the left door and a hole in the upper part of the car left of the rear window, which holes were through the metal of the car, but not through the upholstery. These holes appeared to be bullet holes.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised that Missouri License #453-818, was issued to WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, 4310 Vista Street, St. Louis, Missouri, for a 1937 Dodge Sedan, Motor #D-5-246,851. The St. Louis Office advised the Kansas City Field Office on February 27, 1943, that WILLIAMS, upon being interviewed, advised his license plates were stolen sometime since Tuesday, February 23, 1943. WILLIAMS is a reputable employee of the Railway Express Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

The car was removed by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department to the Beryl Berry Garage. The value of the car is \$350.00.

An examination of the wrecked car was made by Agents WHITE and CARR. One latent fingerprint was lifted from the rear view mirror of this car, was photographed, and forwarded to the Bureau. The following evidence was obtained from the wrecked car and brought to the Kansas City Field Division on February 28, 1943 by these agents:

1 manilla brown envelope with markings - punctured rt. heel - referred by Oscar Bloch - M.D. 2-22-43 (RADKAY'S)

2 X-Ray negatives of a person's heel and foot. (RADKAY'S)

1 doctor's medicine bag containing instruments, medicines, bandages, etc., medicine envelope and prescription marked Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 432 Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1 gray, orange strip angora jacket

1 brown felt hat marked Super Quality Felt, hand finished, waterbuck process, Size 7 1/8

1 pair brown leather gloves

1 pair white gloves with knit top

1 herringbone (gray) vest and pants to match

1 brown stripe vest and pants to match

1 fireman's coat, containing constitution and By-Laws of Fireman's Protective Association of Cincinnati, Ohio, official Oath signed Harry Richard Miller, April 4, 1929. Name in coat, Capt. H. Miller, dated Jan. 1926, #15538, initials on inside pocket H.M. - made by Levy & Friedman, 809 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Papers in pocket marked Cincinnati Cigarette Case Co., and two envelopes of Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

1 fireman's cap, size 6 1/2, manufactured by Fachheimer Bros. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The above articles were returned to the Cincinnati Field Office on March 6, 1943.

There was also obtained from the car:

1 contract for enrollment as a student in Diesel Engine Schools, Inc., 1062-1064 Bardstern Road, Louisville, Ky., signed Raymond J. Russell, 737 So. 32nd Street, dated June 14, 1942, found in envelope with X-Rays.

This was returned to the Louisville Field Office on March 5, 1943, as it apparently belongs to the owner of the car, RAYMOND J. RUSSELL, Louisville.

There was also obtained from the car, the following articles, which were destroyed subsequent to the removal of RADKAY and RICKETTS from Kansas City to Louisville, prosecution having been declined as set forth later in this report:

1 pint bottle of Isopropyl Alcohol Compound, Distributor Vaughn Grocery Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

2 quart 5 gallon metal containers, marked Welch's Grape Juice, Westfield, N.Y.

3 Five-gallon cans marked Super Pyro Anti-Freeze #153212, back seat.

1 Five-gallon can marked Transport Pennsylvania Motor Oil, SAE 30.

1 One-gallon can Galena motor oil with strainer

1 metal funnel (7 inch)

2 lengths of rubber tube (4 feet each)

1 box Bradbury's Cold Capsules (12 to box) from Bradbury's Pharmacy, Louisville, Ky.

1 Sixmonth Iodine-Iodine Compound (can, large size)

1 small bottle of iodine #14823

1 small bottle of LaFarge Blue

1 small box of Gaty's powder

1 box (12) St. Joseph As Irin

1 box Perke-Davis Benzocaine Bandage (sm)

1 Large roll Johnson & Johnson Adhesive Tape

1 yellow box of acetaminophen, 5 grain tablets from Bradbury's Pharmacy, Louisville, Kentucky.

1 empty sack (5 lb.) of Epsom Salt

1 slip of paper marked 643ED W gray, initials W.G. on reverse side.

Shortly after the escape, the police received a report from Mr. FLOYD SMITH, 621 Woodland, which is in the immediate vicinity of the escape, stating that his 1940 Pontiac coupe, 1942 Missouri License #728-702, had been stolen. It was ascertained that the motor number of this car was #6-737,656. A general broadcast was put out by the police and highway patrol in which it was stated that it was believed possible that the fugitives had stolen this automobile and were making their get-a-way.

The next day, February 27, 1943, Miss IDA STUMP, 1605 Lister, Kansas City, Missouri, employed at the Office of Emergency Management, Mutual Building, advised the Kansas City Office that on Thursday, February 26, 1943, at about 8:30 P.M., SAMUEL RICKETTS called on her at her home address and made two inquiries: (1) where his wife resides and (2) where she is employed at the present time. It developed that Miss STUMP had been acquainted with KAY RICKETTS, maiden name CARROLL, for about the last fifteen years; that RICKETTS and his wife were married about one year ago; that KAY CARROLL had resided at 2619 East Tenth Street about one year previous to her marriage; that she continued to reside at that address for a period of about one year after her marriage to RICKETTS. Miss STUMP promised to notify the Kansas City Office in the event RICKETTS again contacted her.

On February 27, 1943, at 2:10 A.M., Mr. MAX MORRIS, Manager of Milton's Tap Room, Armour and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Office and stated that Subject BEVER had telephoned him asking for some money but that MORRIS refused to loan him any. MORRIS said BEVER said, "I have to get some money so we can find a place to stay in the colored district." Agent SCOTT immediately got in contact with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Detective Division, who had detectives take a appropriate check through the colored district, with negative results. He, likewise, in company with Agent CHARLES G. CARR, interviewed JULIA LEE, the colored singer at the Tap Room, who advised that she knew BEVER only casually and that he had never approached her with any request to any place he could hide out and that in the event he did, she would see that the Kansas City Office received notice of the same.

On March 1, 1943, arrangements were effected through the Special Agent in Charge so that the pictures of BEVER, RICKETTS, and RADKAY appeared in the Kansas City newspaper, together with an appropriate write-up.

Approximately at 5:30 P.M. on March 1, 1943, Special Agent WILTON B. DICKERSON recognized Fugitive RADKAY walking alone on Troost Avenue between the 3200 and 3300 block. Agent DICKERSON, who was accompanied by Agent EUSKEV B. LINES, then apprehended RADKAY and brought him to the Kansas City Field Office at 7:45 P.M.

Shortly thereafter, a telephone call was received by Special Agent in Charge DWIGHT BRANTLEY from Mr. JAMES DALY, Manager of the Amidor Hotel, 110 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. DALY stated that from observing the pictures of fugitives appearing in the Kansas City Star, he requested an agent to contact him as three men answering these descriptions had registered at his hotel at 12:25 A.M. on February 25, 1943. He identified the picture of RADKAY from the newspaper.

RADKAY, upon interview, said that he had been living at the Amidor Hotel with BEVER and RICKETTS, and that he expected they would return to the Amidor Hotel.

Special Agent ROBERT B. MILLER, accompanied by Special Agent WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY, learned from Mr. DALY that these three persons who had registered as ANDY WALKER, THOMAS PARTS, and PAUL YEAGER from Route #2, Parsons, Kansas, on the above date, had shortly before left the hotel. Each had left separately. Mr. DALY was unable to identify the fugitives as to the names used in registration. The title in this case as to BEVER, RADKAY, and RICKETTS will not be changed at this time to add the aliases.

Agents, together with members of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, were immediately stationed at this hotel, and surveillance kept for their return.

At 3:50 A.M., March 2, 1943, a telephone call was received by Special Agent MANSON at the Kansas City Office to the effect that BEVER and RICKETTS were hiding in a basement at 721 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri; that the person calling had put them there about two hours before. Upon pressing this person for additional information, he stated he could be interviewed at Frank's Lunch, 1700 Wyoming Street, as he refused to give his name. Thereafter, Special Agent MILLER confirmed this information by interviewing this person, learning that he was DELBERT GOTTEN, a taxicab driver for the Central Cab Company, 1600 Genesee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, he resides at 721 West Eleventh St.

At 4:05 A.M., March 2, 1943, Special Agents ROBERT L. MURPHY, CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. MILLER, and WILLIAM B. O'MAHONEY, together with Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Detectives RAY MINNICK, TOM REDMAN, CLARENCE SKINNER, and WILLIAM FINN, proceeded to 721 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri, from the Kansas City Field Office. It was agreed that Agents CAMPBELL, MILLER, and MURPHY, accompanied by Detective SKINNER, would conduct the search of the basement at 721 West Eleventh Street, and that Agent O'MAHONEY and Detectives MINNICK, REDMAN, and FINN would cover the outside of the building. Fugitive RICKETTS was located hiding in the basement behind a door in the extreme southeast corner of the basement, and was taken into custody at approximately 5:30 A.M.

He was immediately questioned as to the whereabouts of Fugitive BEVER. RICKETTS stated BEVER had left about one hour before agents arrived; that BEVER was tired of living in the manner in which they had been forced to exist, and was separating from RICKETTS to make his own way, and to attempt to find another place to live. He stated BEVER would not be coming back to this address.

The remainder of the basement was thoroughly searched by Agents MURPHY and MILLER, and Detective SKINNER for fugitive BEVER with negative results. Thereafter, the halls of the building were searched by Agent MURPHY and Detective SKINNER for BEVER with negative results.

RICKETTS was then transported to the Kansas City Field Office by Agents CAMPBELL and MILLER, and Detectives FINK and SKINNER.

Agents MURPHY and O'MAHONEY, and Detectives MINNICK and REEDMAN then cruised the immediate neighborhood for BEVER with negative results.

RICKETTS, upon being questioned at the Kansas City Field Office by Special Agents R. E. MILLER and C. C. CAMPBELL, stated that BEVER, sometime after they had entered the basement at 721 West 11th Street, had called a Yellow Taxicab for the purpose of going to 1701 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, to see a Mr. CHESTER H. MACKE to obtain money so they could secure lodging. After waiting for a period of several minutes for the cab to respond to the call, BEVER, who was anxious to secure the money from MACKE before six o'clock in the morning, left the basement and went out on the street, advising RICKETTS that he was going down to Twelfth Street to see if he could hail a passing cab on the street, rather than wait for the cab he had called to show up. After BEVER had left the apartment as indicated, RICKETTS saw the Yellow Cab BEVER had called, stop at 721 West Eleventh Street, and he got in this cab and cruised around in the neighborhood for a few minutes looking for BEVER, and concluding that BEVER had been successful in getting another cab, returned to 721 West Eleventh Street, where he was eventually arrested.

It was later established that FRED JEWETT, 1404 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, was the cab driver on this particular occasion, and when interviewed by Special Agent WILSON R. DICKERSON, stated that he had received a call to pick up a man at 721 West Eleventh Street at approximately 5:57 A.M., March 2, 1943. He stated he picked this man up, and at his direction, cruised for a few minutes in the vicinity of that address, going up Eleventh Street to Washington, north on Washington to Tenth, West on Tenth to Jefferson, and around several other blocks. JEWETT said they returned to 721 West Eleventh Street at approximately 6:10 A.M., when he let his passenger out. Upon being shown photographs of all subjects, JEWETT identified this passenger as having been SAMUEL RICKETTS.

DELBERT GOREN, Apartment #2, 721 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is a driver for the Central Cab Company, 1600 Genesee, Kansas City, Missouri, stated to Agent O'MAHONEY that between 12:00 Midnight and 12:15 A.M. on the morning of March 2, 1943, he picked up BEVER, who was alone, at the corner of Tenth and Baltimore Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. GOREN stated he was going south on Baltimore and was stopped by the traffic light. BEVER came from the East side of Tenth Street and came also from the direction of Ninth Street. GOREN stated that he had been to 917 McGee, where he let a fare out, and that he was taking some baggage for his fare to the Bray Hotel; that when BEVER hailed his cab, GOREN asked him where he wanted to go, and BEVER said, "Kansas." GOREN said he had this stop to make at the Bray Hotel, and BEVER then inquired how long it would take; GOREN said just long enough to drop the baggage at the Porter's Desk, whereupon BEVER got into the cab, which stopped in front of the Bray Hotel a few moments later. GOREN states that they then drove West on Twelfth Street, and BEVER told him he wanted to go to 1706 Garfield, and asked GOREN if he knew where it was. GOREN said no, but that he would find out, and later did make an inquiry at a beer joint located on the southwest corner of Eighteenth and Central Streets, Kansas City, Kansas.

Upon receiving directions at this place, GOREN drove North on Eighteenth to Garfield, and turned right up the hill. He discovered there was no such address as 1706 Garfield. GOREN then parked his cab in front of 1716 Garfield, and BEVER walked up the hill.

GOREN states that when he reached 1716 Garfield in Kansas City, Kansas, his taxi meter read \$1.15, and that during the interim he was waiting for BEVER, the meter went up to \$1.55, indicating that he was there about twelve minutes. GOREN says he lost sight of BEVER when the latter went up the hill when he, BEVER, got out of the cab at 1716 Garfield.

GOREN states he turned the cab around and waited at the same place, and was of the opinion that he had lost his fare. After staying in front of 1716 Garfield for the twelve minutes as indicated, GOREN next saw BEVER coming from the direction of the East, and BEVER approached the cab and again got in it.

GOREN states that during the ride from Kansas City, Missouri to Kansas City, Kansas, BEVER had stated that he didn't know whether he had money enough to pay for the cab fare; that he was going to get it when he was going. However, when BEVER came back to the cab at 1716 Garfield, he was complaining and cussing, and told



GOBEN to drive back to Kansas City, Missouri and let him off where he had picked him up. He also stated he was only able to get a "saw buck". He also said that he knew good and well that the fellow he had seen had the money; that what he should have done, was to have taken it away from him.

On the return trip from Kansas City, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri, GOBEN was stopped by a traffic light at Twelfth and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, and at this point, BEVER told him to drive to Thirteenth and Park where he had a friend to pick up. GOBEN said he turned around, while his cab was stopped, talking to his fare, and it was at this point that he recognized BEVER. After BEVER had been recognized by GOBEN, BEVER said, "I see you are still cab driving."

GOBEN stated he then drove BEVER to Thirteenth and Park, where they picked up another man. However, GOBEN states he never did get a good look at this passenger, and did not recognize him as anyone he had previously known, but was apparently RICKETTS.

GOBEN further advised that he had known BEVER for several years when BEVER was employed at the Huchlebach Hotel as a porter.

After they picked up RICKETTS at Thirteenth and Park, GOBEN states they drove back to turn in the vicinity of Ninth and Broadway, where BEVER told GOBEN to drive to Eighth and Paseo. GOBEN was questioned about the conversation that ensued between BEVER and RICKETTS while they were driving in the cab. He states they were talking in a low undertone, and he was unable to catch any but a small part of their conversation. He said he did hear BEVER say to RICKETTS, "G-----D-----I don't know what we'll do." That GOBEN also heard BEVER say that he couldn't get the money, and also, "We ain't even got no rods."

GOBEN states that at the direction of BEVER, he then drove to 711 Paseo, where BEVER went into the hallway of the building. He came out immediately and said, "their name isn't even on the register." BEVER then went to 723 Paseo, which is the adjoining building, and came back and said, "Let's go to the Belmont," at 704 East Tenth Street. He also stated that "Johnny" worked at that place. However, he also made the statement that "The other fellow was working at Pratt's, and wouldn't be here until the morning," and that "there wasn't any use in trying to see him then."

GOBEN states that he then drove to 704 East Tenth Street, and at BEVER'S direction, went to the bartender and told him to come out; that a fellow outside wanted to see him. GOBEN remained in the Belmont while the bartender went out to the cab, and while the bartender was talking to BEVER in the rear of the cab, GOBEN came out. GOBEN heard BEVER ask the bartender if he knew where he could get a room, and the bartender told him that he didn't.

BEVER and RICKETTS then said, "Let's go", and they then started off. GOBEN heard BEVER state he didn't even know the bartender, indicating that it was not the JOHNNY he was looking for.

GOBEN states BEVER then stated he wanted something to eat, and GOBEN drove them down to the bottoms near his cab stand at Sixteenth and Genesee Streets; that he stopped at Seventeenth and Wyoming at Frank's Lunch, but BEVER said he didn't want to go in there.

While riding around on this last occasion, BEVER asked GOBEN if he still lived at the same place, and GOBEN replied that he did. BEVER then asked him if they had a basement in the apartment building and GOBEN said it was just like any other apartment building, that of course it had a basement. Shortly thereafter, GOBEN states he let BEVER and RICKETTS off at Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, and he fixes the time at about 1:30 or 1:35 A.M. In this case, BEVER paid GOBEN \$4.55; four one dollar bills, and fifty-five cents in change. BEVER said he would have given him, GOBEN, a tip if he had more money, but that he had no more.

GOBEN states that after he let BEVER and RICKETTS out at Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, he watched them walk in the direction of 721 West Eleventh Street, and waited until he saw them go up the stairway into the apartment building, where GOBEN has his residence. GOBEN stated he was satisfied then that BEVER and RICKETTS were going to stay in the basement.

GOBEN says after he saw BEVER and RICKETTS go up on the porch of 721 West Eleventh Street, he turned right on Eleventh Street to Washington, south on Washington to Tenth, and then went west to the cab stand at Sixteenth and Genesee Streets, where he picked up another load, which he drove to Melody Land, located at Blue Ridge Road and Fifteenth Streets, and that he later drove to the Paradise Night Club, located on #40 Highway. It was at the Paradise Club that GOBEN saw the Kansas City paper with the pictures of RADKAY.

RICKETTS, and BEVER on the front page. This was about 3:20 in the morning, and after leaving the Paradise Club, he drove back to Seventeenth and Wyoming, reaching there about 3:45 A.M. from which place he called the Kansas City Office. He stated he still had the passengers with him at Frack's Lunch while he was waiting for the agent to contact him from this office, and that his passengers were continually complaining; nevertheless, he remained there until he was contacted by the agent, and furnished him the information.

GOSEN stated that after he had told the agent of his suspicions that BEVER and RICKETTS were in the basement of 721 West Eleventh Street, he started off with his passengers again, and drove them around and finally drove in the vicinity of Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, where he saw BEVER standing on the southeast corner of the intersection. At this time BEVER tried to flag GOSEN down, but because he had passengers in his cab, GOSEN did not stop. He stated that he would have called the office again and informed them of the fact that he had seen BEVER at Eleventh and Jefferson Streets, except that he had just a short time previously furnished information to an agent, and he figured that the officers would be in that vicinity or cruising around and would pick BEVER up.

GOSEN states that is the last time he saw BEVER, and he fixes this time at 7:00 A.M., and that he has no further information regarding the whereabouts of BEVER, since this time on March 2, 1943.

GOSEN stated that he is anxious to see BEVER apprehended as he is sure that BEVER realizes he put them on the spot. GOSEN says he will do all in his power to assist in the apprehension of BEVER, and will immediately report anything that comes to his attention which would be of assistance to this office.

Mr. FRID MALLOT, 721 West Eleventh Street, advised he lives in the basement apartment and is a part-time janitor at that address. He stated that at 1:55 A.M., March 2, 1943, he went out to fix the furnace fire and saw two men standing by the furnace. When he asked them what they were doing in the basement, they told him they had been sent there by the taxicab driver who lived upstairs, and who had told them they should wait for him. MALLOT said he told them they should wait in the lobby, but they insisted the cab driver had told them to wait in the basement. MALLOT thought he saw a gun in the jacket pocket of one of the men, so he said nothing more and went back to his apartment. He identified the photograph of RICKETTS as being one of the men.

MALLOT stated he did not hear any telephone calls being made from the public phone in the hall upstairs, and that he did not see anyone leave the basement, but that when he went to fix the fire about 4:30 A.M., there was no one near the furnace.

SAMUEL RICKETTS and WILLIAM RADKAY were fingerprinted in the Kansas City Field Office, and positive identification effected. There was found in possession of WILLIAM RADKAY the following property:

Currency and silver.....\$3.85  
1 key.....Yale Junior #10  
1 Empty book of Arrow Matches  
1 Roll Park-Davis Adhesive Tape  
1 Aspirin box containing one Aspirin  
1 "A" Ration book #569279, issued to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON,  
3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
1 "C" Ration Book, back cover, only; has name of  
Dr. CLOYCE WILSON  
1 Roll Red Cross adhesive tape  
1 Mercurochrome  
1 Receipt #2586, from the Jewish Hospital, Louisville,  
Kentucky, for \$5.00.  
1 Blank Prescription form from Jones Apothecary,  
Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, 316 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

The personal property was later turned to the United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri.

The "A" and "C" Gasoline Ration Books belonging to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, the Yale Junior Key, the receipt from the Jewish Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, and the blank from Dr. OSCAR BLOCH, Louisville, Kentucky, are being sent to the Cincinnati Field Office.

RADKAY was interviewed in the Kansas City Field Office by Special Agent ALBERT E. FA-LAND during the night of March 1, 1943. An effort was made to obtain a statement from him relative to his actions and movements since his escape from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio on February 12, 1943. RADKAY refused to make a statement, but intermittently he gave the following information; this interview was listened to by Special Agent JOHN B. WHITE and Special Agent DANNON W. PITCHER, who were not visible, but were sitting within hearing distance:

RADKAY stated that on the night he, RICKETTS, BEVER and the two P. SONS brothers escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, they had called a guard to the cell, stating the water was running over; that the guard came in with a colored trusty and they attacked the guard, took the keys away from him and put him in the cell. They then went to the other corridor in the jail and took the guard from this corridor, and put him in the cell; that they later went to the upper tier of the cells, where they got the matron, brought her down and put her in the cell with the other guards. RADKAY said this matron and the other two guards, who were placed in the cells, were not beaten by them; that they then went

to the front where the turnkey was, and pounded on the door; that RYAN opened the door and he began to fight by attempting to strike them with a bunch of keys; they then ganged him and beat him up. RADKAY said they then got into the elevator and went to the upper floor, where they met someone in the hallway and asked how they could get out and were told to get out the way they came in. He stated they did not molest this party; that they went to the elevator and went to the second floor and out a window onto a garage roof, where they dropped to the ground, a distance of about twenty-five feet. RADKAY said he landed on his heel and believed he fractured it. They then found the big gates had been locked, necessitating that they go through a toilet and out through another door of the building; after getting out of the jail yard, they saw a Chevrolet car, which they took.

RADKAY said they left the two PARSONS boys shortly after leaving the jail, as they did not want them along; that while going through the City Park, they heard sirens and police cars, and the police officers fired a number of shots at them, but none of them hit them.

RADKAY said they abandoned the Chevrolet and held up a doctor, whom they later released; however, they kept his car after taking a considerable sum of money from him, the exact amount of which he would not say. They then proceeded on to Louisville, Kentucky, where RADKAY stated they placed this doctor's car in a garage and abandoned it there.

While in Louisville, they purchased a few articles of clothing. RADKAY bought a zipper jacket, which he had on at the time he was taken into custody; they had tried to obtain possession of firearms, but were unable to purchase any and had thought of holding up a policeman; that is, one man would walk up to him and engage him in conversation and the other two would strong-arm him from the rear. However, no opportunity came to do this.

RADKAY said they then stole in Louisville, Kentucky a Pontiac car and came to Kansas City, Missouri in it; which is the same car that was wrecked at the time of the shooting affray with the Kansas City Police Officers on Friday night February 27, 1943. RADKAY said he was shot in the heel, but not away, and they all returned separately to the Auditor Hotel, Kansas City. RADKAY admits while at Louisville he had called on a doctor relative to the injury of his right heel.

RADKAY was questioned relative to the bank robbery in Cincinnati, but denied being implicated in anyway; however, during the conversation, he was asked whether or not the bank that was robbed was a State Bank or a Federal Bank, and he distinctly stated, it was a Federal Bank. He stated that a job had been pulled by them in Buffalo or Niagara Falls, New York, but he refused to make any statement as to the nature of this job. He was questioned as to whether or not they had

stolen a car in Kansas City, Missouri after the shooting affray, and he denied they had. He refused to give any information leading to the possible whereabouts of BEVER or RICKETTS.

RADKAY was subsequently interviewed during the early morning of March 2, 1943 by Special Agents F. L. BRUCCIANI and D. C. FRANKEL. RADKAY admitted participating in the theft of the doctor's automobile in Cincinnati, which was driven by BEVER in company of RICKETTS and himself to Louisville, Kentucky where it was abandoned. A pontiac car was then stolen, bearing Kentucky plates, which RADKAY said was driven to St. Louis, Missouri. In St. Louis, Missouri, plates were stolen from another car and put on the Pontiac, and they then drove to Kansas City, Missouri where it was abandoned on Friday night, February 26, 1943 during the shooting by the Kansas City Police.

SAMUEL RICKETTS had in his possession the following property:

- \$ .76 in small change
- 1 small "Master" key - bearing "Milwaukee USA Master Lock Co."
- 1 "C" Ration book cover #F659032U2, issued to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1 "C" Ration book cover #F659031U2, issued to Dr. WILSON
- 1 Fire Marshal's Badge, reading: "Dist. Marshal Cincinnati Fire Department; on the back appears: "St. Paul Bell Aug. 19-99"
- 1 Pad St. Regis Paper
- 19 plain white envelopes

The \$.76 in change was turned over to the United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri. The other evidence is being sent to the Cincinnati Field Office under separate cover.

RICKETTS was questioned intermittently in the Kansas City Field Office by Agents MANSON, MILLER, and CAMPBELL. He refused to give a written statement, but orally gave the following:

RICKETTS stated "RED" BEVER told him he had stolen a car on the night of the shooting affray in Kansas City and believed it was a Chevrolet car and was stored in a private garage in the vicinity of 36th and Forest. He said he had not seen the car. He had no information to give as to the location of the possible whereabouts of BEVER.

RICKETTS was later interviewed after being taken to the County Jail in Kansas City, Missouri by Agents SCOTT and MILLER, at which time RICKETTS stated the Chrysler sedan stolen from Dr. CLOYCE WILSON in Cincinnati was placed in a private garage near 10th Avenue and First Streets, Louisville. This garage opens on the alley, has a composition and paper roof, and doors are locked with a lock described as the type of lock made of laminated strips. Also near this corner, exact location not known,

the 1937 Pontiac coupe, which was wrecked in Kansas City was stolen during daylight, date not recalled, from a public storage garage by REVER and RADKAY, who entered the garage and drove the car out of it. The Louisville Field Office was requested to endeavor to recover the Chrysler and verify the theft of the Pontiac by teletype dated March 3, 1943.

Appropriate logs were kept for RICKETS and RADKAY while being held at the Kansas City Field Office.

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At one point during the interview with RICKETS by Agent MILLER he was questioned concerning the actions of the Doctor shortly after he was kidnaped by the Subjects, and he laughingly stated that "the Doc was a good old boy - he was all right - I told him we hated to do it, but we had to do it under the circumstances, and he stated, 'I don't blame you,' and went on to state that he 'had done lots of mean things in his life and he supposed they were just now catching up with him.' He stated further that the Doctor was tied up, placed on a mattress and covered with blankets and other covers in the abandoned house where they had been staying immediately after their escape from the jail in Cincinnati, and at which place they remained for four or five days. He described this place as a house which had apparently previously been occupied by a family and stated it had a quantity of canned goods and other edibles stored in the house; and when questioned as to what they did with no heat, he stated there was sufficient cover and clothes in the house to satisfy their needs. He stated it was in this house they obtained the fireman's uniform, together with the badge, which was found and removed from his shirt pocket at the time of his arrest, which bore the inscription on its face: "DIST. MARSHAL, CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT."

Subsequently at the County Jail during the interview, which Agents MILLER and SCOTT had with RICKETS, he was questioned as to disposition of the money which he obtained from the instant bank, and he stated that he kept all of his share; that approximately \$1700.00 was taken from his person at the time of his arrest; when questioned as to whether or not they actually split the proceeds of the bank robbery three ways, he stated, "Assuming that we robbed the bank, it was split three ways." He thereafter went on orally admitting in detail the manner in which he escaped from the jail at Cincinnati; that immediately following their escape they commandeered an automobile as described in the reference reports; that one of the PALSTES boys ran off down the street and that the boy described by them as being deserted accompanied them in the car up to the point where the police started firing at them in a park. RICKETS was again questioned about the treatment afforded the doctor shortly after he was kidnaped at the hospital, and he reiterated his previous statements to the effect that the doctor was treated all right; that he was only tied up and covered in the house. At this point, RICKETS suddenly stopped

talking and stated: "I'm not going to say anymore about the Doctor because I do not know whether he is alive now or not." At the time of RICKETTS' arrest, there were removed from his hip pocket several white envelopes and a small writing pad, commonly purchased in a dime store, and he stated that this material was purchased by RADKAY to be used in writing the letter to the Cincinnati police concerning the whereabouts of the Doctor. He stated he positively did not write the letter; that the letter was written by Subject RADKAY.

There were some figures appearing on the first sheet of the writing pad, and RICKETTS stated these figures were his, which were made as a result of his figuring gasoline mileage between Louisville and Kansas City on the stolen Pontiac automobile.

RICKETTS stated to Agent MILLER that following their arrival in Louisville, they rented a garage previously described in this report, and stored the Chrysler automobile during the day time. They then proceeded to buy five-gallon gasoline containers from filling stations; they would drive out in the night time, fill up the tank on the Chrysler automobile, drive to some secluded spot, drain all the gasoline out and fill the previously purchased five-gallon containers. When all of them were filled, amounting to approximately forty-five gallons of gasoline, they then stole a Pontiac, rented another garage and after being there approximately six days, started driving toward Kansas City; and it was, therefore, unnecessary for them to buy a single gallon of gasoline en route from Louisville to Kansas City.

The key to the Chrysler automobile, RICKETTS stated, was thrown away.

On March 2, 1943, on authorization of United States Attorney MAURICE L. WILLIAMS, Kansas City, Missouri, who declined all prosecution in this District as to Subjects because of the more serious charges pending in the Cincinnati District, a fugitive complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner CHARLES H. THOMPSON, which complaint is based upon a complaint filed before the U. S. Commissioner, Cincinnati, Ohio on November 3, 1942, charging RADKAY and RICKETTS with violation of Section 588b, Title 12, U.S.C.A., and also with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

The United States Attorney suggested to the U. S. Commissioner that the bond of each be fixed at \$50,000.00. Warrants were issued by the U. S. Commissioner upon the filing of this complaint by Special Agent MILTON J. WILLIAMS, Kansas City. The United States Marshal took them into custody, and they were taken immediately before the U. S. Commissioner, where they entered plea of not guilty and waived hearing; and were in default of bond committed to the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri.

On March 4, 1943, the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri, removed RADKAY and RICKETTS from Kansas City, Missouri to Cincinnati, Ohio.



Special Agents O'MHONEY and HARVEY DAURELL TAYLOR, together with Kansas City, Kansas Detectives JOSEPH SHICK, GILBERT RODDINGTON, W. E. WALLOP and HURLEY PALMER, located CHAS. H. MACKE at his Service Station located at 701 Simpson Street, Kansas City, Kansas. MACKE accompanied the above-mentioned agents and officers to the Kansas City, Kansas Police Headquarters where he was questioned. MACKE stated that on Sunday, February 28, 1943, at about 9:00 or 9:30 P.M., he was at his residence, 1705 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, and he received a telephone call from WILLIE RADKAY. MACKE stated he has known the RADKAY family for a number of years, and that the elder RADKAY trades at his filling station. MACKE stated that at the time WILLIE RADKAY called him on Sunday night, after RADKAY had made himself known to MACKE, RADKAY told MACKE he wanted him to contact his father and tell him that he "wanted it all." MACKE stated that he inquired of RADKAY why he didn't call his father on the telephone, to which RADKAY replied that he was afraid that his father's telephone line was tapped. MACKE then asked him why he didn't visit his father himself and get the money, and RADKAY replied that he had a bad foot. MACKE then inquired what he was supposed to do with the money if he did get it from the elder RADKAY, and WILLIE RADKAY stated that there would be a woman come to his house after it. MACKE stated that he told WILLIE RADKAY that he would see what he could do.

WILLIE RADKAY had also informed MACKE at the time he made the request of MACKE to contact his father, that he would again contact him to see whether MACKE had been successful in obtaining the money.

CHAS. H. MACKE stated that he had made no particular attempt to contact the elder RADKAY, but that on Monday afternoon, March 1, 1943, the elder RADKAY drove into MACKE's Filling Station at 701 Simpson Street, Kansas City, Kansas, at about 5:00 P.M., and that MACKE told him at the time that he had received a telephone call from WILLIE RADKAY in which he was instructed to contact Mr. RADKAY for the purpose of obtaining money.

The elder RADKAY stated that "he didn't want to have anything to do with WILLIE; that he was through with him." MACKE stated there was no further conversation regarding this matter.

MACKE stated that he received no more telephone calls from WILLIE RADKAY, but on Monday night, March 1, 1943, at about 10:00 or 10:30 P.M. he was again called at his residence, and the person calling at this time said, "This is WILLIE'S buddy," and inquired whether MACKE had seen the "old man." MACKE stated he replied, "No," and that the conversation ended abruptly.

MACKIE stated that he went to bed about 11:30 or 1:00 o'clock on the morning of March 2, 1933, and awoke about 5:00 o'clock in the morning. He was called from his bed by a knock on the door, and that when he went to the door, there was a man standing on the front porch who stated he was looking for CHARLES MACKIE. MACKIE states he told the man to step in, and when the man had entered his house, he inquired whether MACKIE had seen the "old man," meaning the elder RATHAY. MACKIE told this individual, whom he identified from a photograph as being Subject BEVER, that he had not contacted the elder RATHAY, whereupon BEVER stated that he and WILLIE were really in need of the money and he also stated that he didn't know that he was going to use to pay the cab bill and buy food; that they were really hungry. MACKIE states that he noticed a Yellow Cab parked out in the street in front of his residence at 1703 Fairfield, Kansas City, Kansas. MACKIE stated that he told BEVER that he could let him have \$13.00, and that he went into the next room and got his pocketbook, and gave him a \$5.00 bill, one five \$1.00 bills, and that after he gave the money to BEVER, the latter turned and left immediately.

CHARLES MACKIE was not prepared as to the reason why he had not informed this Bureau or police authorities that he had been contacted by RATHAY and his associates in their effort to obtain money, and stated that he had neglected to do so as he was so nervous and upset. He stated that he was so upset that he was almost out of his mind. He admitted that he knew that RATHAY had been in trouble for the reason that RATHAY's father, shortly after RATHAY and his associates were arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, had informed him that his son was again in trouble. MACKIE further stated that on Sunday night, after receiving the telephone call from WILLIE RATHAY, he was so upset that he started drinking, and that he had offered a woman acquaintance of his, Mrs. DOLOREY MACKIE, Apartment #12, 514 East Eighteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and that he had told Mrs. MACKIE that he was nervous and having received this telephone call from RATHAY, and that he had indicated to her that it was that RATHAY had asked him to do. MACKIE stated that Mrs. MACKIE advised him that he had better forget it or anything to do with RATHAY now, and that in order to avoid further contact with them, it would be better if he up and leave his room as well as possible, so that they could not be able to contact him.

Mrs. MACKIE, who was later contacted by Agents R. J. TERRELL and W. F. O'NEAL, corroborated this statement of MACKIE.

MACKIE further stated that he had received no answer from any members of the gang, but stated that he would do all in his power to assist this Bureau in locating and causing the apprehension of the remaining members of the gang still at large, HARRY W. B. ...

CHESTER H. MACKE was booked by the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department on March 2, 1943, on a vagrancy and investigation charge for the investigation of a possible Harboring violation. The facts developed in this investigation, which are briefly set out above, were presented to Assistant United States Attorney EUGENE DAVIS at Topeka, Kansas, who declined to prosecute. The Harboring Case against CHESTER H. MACKE is being set out in a separate file in the Kansas City Field Division, File No. 76-1154.

On March 3, 1943, CHESTER H. MACKE was released from custody of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department.

Reference is made to the interview with GOREN in which he states that BEVER, upon returning to the taxicab at 1716 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, told him that all he had been able to obtain was a "saw buck." (Page 13)

It should be further noted that GOREN also stated that after they had picked up RICKETTS at Thirteenth and Park, Kansas City, Missouri, he overheard part of the conversation between the two subjects, and that BEVER told RICKETTS that he had been unable to get the money.

CHESTER H. MACKE was subsequently interviewed at 10:30 A.M., March 6, 1943, and he emphatically denied that he had given BEVER any money except as previously stated; namely, that when BEVER came to his house about 5:00 o'clock in the morning of March 2, 1943, he had given him \$10.00, one \$5.00 bill, and five \$1.00 bills.

It would appear, therefore, that GOREN's statement may be inaccurate in that he has been influenced by the account in the newspapers relative to the \$10.00 transaction pertaining to MACKE, it having appeared in the newspaper that BEVER had contacted MACKE, driving to his residence from Kansas City, Missouri in a taxicab for the purpose of obtaining \$10.00.

WILLIAM ISAAC RADNAY, 2500 North Tenth Street, Kansas City, Kansas, who is the Foster Father of Subject RADNAY, was interviewed by Special Agent HARRY EDWARD MORRIS, JR. on March 5, 1943 in an effort to obtain any contacts or associates which might be known to him, or any information he might possess which might be furnished by Subject RADNAY to Subject BEVER.

Mr. RADNAY advised that they adopted Subject RADNAY when he was four years of age; that they had given him a high school education, and made everything possible for him which they were financially able to do. They stated that since subject graduated from high school, he has been constantly in trouble; that they did all in their power to prevent such,

but were unable to do so. Mr. RATKAY stated that when Subject returned from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, he secured a position for him at the Kansas City Structural Steel Company, where he was employed for approximately one year.

Mr. RATKAY stated that he gave Subject a 1934 Model Dodge automobile, which was valued at \$300; that Subject had traded this Dodge for a Pontiac in Kansas City, Missouri; that the subject had paid the difference in regular monthly payments during the time he was working for the Kansas City Structural Steel Company. He stated that subject had then traded the Pontiac for a 1940 Buick, which was placed in the name of Mrs. MARY RATKAY, and that Mrs. RATKAY and Subject RADKAY made payments on this car up until it was returned to the Simmons-Wiles Motor Company, where it was purchased, and that Mrs. RATKAY had received approximately \$800 cash for this car. Mr. RATKAY stated that this was the money paid to the bondsman on March 19, 1942, by the name of JOE CERISE, and that such payment was made in the amount of \$500.00, a Cashier's check obtained from the Kaw Valley Bank, Kansas City, Kansas. He stated that further information regarding this check could be obtained from Mr. LUIS HOLCOMB at this bank.

Mr. RATKAY advised that he had not, to this date, been contacted by JOE CERISE, nor had CERISE requested from him any additional money with regard to payment on this bond, which was in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. RATKAY advised that at the present time he has very little money, and does most of his banking business with the Kaw State Bank, and also has approximately \$50.00 in the Commercial National Bank, both Kansas City, Kansas. He stated he does not have any money in his home, nor does he have a safety deposit box.

Mr. RATKAY advised that he and his wife are both employed by the Armour Packing Company, and that their weekly income totalled approximately \$50.00; that they have been employed there for many years. He further stated he purchased his home at his present address in 1918, and has lived there continuously since that time. Mr. RATKAY stated that at approximately 5:30 P.M. on Monday, March 1, he was in MACKIE's Service Station having his car serviced, and MACKIE mentioned to him the fact that he had been contacted the night before by Subject RADKAY, and RADKAY had requested that he, MACKIE, contact Mr. RATKAY and obtain financial assistance from him.

Mr. RATKAY stated he told MACKIE that he did not want to have anything whatsoever to do with "WILLIE", meaning Subject RADKAY; that he was completely through with him.

There was no additional comments with regard to this matter between MACKIE and RATKAY. However, Mr. RATKAY stated that the following day,

Tuesday, March 2, 1943, he mentioned this conversation which he had had with RATKAY to his wife, MARY RATKAY, but such had gone no further.

In an effort to obtain associates of Subject RADKAY, a request was made of Mr. RATKAY, and he furnished the names of HELEN SAITHEN (phonetic) whose address he did not know, and that of CATHERINE PAYBAC, now deceased. He stated he knew that Subject RADKAY had had nothing whatsoever to do with HELEN SAITHEN since his return from Jefferson City, and was certain that he would not make any effort to contact her. Mr. RATKAY stated he did not know Subject PEVER, or Subject RICKETTS, and that they had not made an effort to contact either he or his wife, and also made the assurance to Agent MORRIS that he, Mr. RATKAY, would immediately contact this office should such occur. He stated they both sincerely regretted they had adopted Subject RADKAY, and that he had been nothing but grief and trouble to them, and they were pleased to see him in jail, and as far as they were concerned, they were entirely through with him, and wanted to have nothing else to do with him.

Mr. and Mrs. RATKAY were questioned concerning "the woman" referred to in the conversation between Subject RADKAY and MACKIE on the night of February 28, 1943 in the telephone call made by RADKAY to MACKIE in an effort to ascertain her identity. This inquiry met with negative results.

Both Mr. and Mrs. RATKAY stated they would be more than willing to furnish any information to this office at any time they were requested to do so, and assured they would give this office their complete cooperation in all matters concerning instant case.

Mr. J. G. PAYNE, Assistant Personnel Manager, Kansas City Structural Steel Company, Twenty-first and Metropolitan, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that Subject RADKAY had been continuously employed by that company on the Crane and Assembly lines from December 27, 1940 to December 15, 1941; that his salary averaged approximately \$22.00 per week. He listed his previous employment as Armour Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas from January, 1928 to October, 1931, and a Parker Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company from June, 1935 to October, 1940, but there was nothing on these records derogatory concerning him, and from all appearances, his employment was entirely satisfactory.

Subsequent information was received relating to the attempts by BEVER and RICKETTS to contact CHESTER A. RICKS. On March 10, 1943, Special Agents DICKERSON and SCOTT located KENNETH JEFFERSON TURNER, which name was furnished by CARLENE RENEE O'DELL, 3814 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, wife of BUDDY O'DELL, now serving a penitentiary sentence in New York State, and who is a friend of BEVER.

KENNETH JEFFERSON TURNER, 3009 Peory, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed by Agents DICKERSON and SCOTT. TURNER advised that he was the man known as KAY TURNER. He stated he was employed at the Ambrose Wine Company, 902 Woodswether Road, Kansas City, Missouri, as a workman on the loading dock.

TURNER stated that he knew RICKETTS and RADKAY rather well, but BEVER only slightly. He said that on the morning of March 1, 1943, shortly before noon, while he was at work he received a phone call from Subject WILLIS RADKAY. He stated that WILLIS asked him where he lived and said that he wanted to come to his house to get some help. TURNER said he refused to give his residence address to RADKAY, but told him he was living with other people. TURNER stated that the next time he heard from the subjects was at approximately 7:00 p.m. on the same day, when he received a phone call from SAMUEL RICKETTS at his home (telephone Chestnut 1913). RICKETTS at this time asked him to meet them at the Isis Theater, corner 31st and Troost. TURNER said RICKETTS told him that WILLIS was hurt and that they were hot and had to leave the Amador Hotel where they had been staying. TURNER said RICKETTS told him they had to get off the streets. TURNER said he promised to come to the Isis Theater, and then RICKETTS hung up. TURNER stated that he did not intend to go to the Isis Theater at all, and that he waited at home for approximately four hours until RICKETTS called again at 11:00 p.m. TURNER said this time RICKETTS was very insistent that he come to the Isis Theater immediately.

and take them over to 1706 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, where RICKMITS stated they had some money which they could get. He said RICKMITS stated they had plenty of money over at this Garfield address if they could only get to it, and after they got that money they would be all set. He said RICKMITS refused to tell him the name of the man who had the money for them. TURNER stated his wife insisted on accompanying him, and that they drove from his home at 3009 Peory to Troost, and then to the corner of 31st and Troost. He said that as they pulled up at the corner in front of the Isis Theater, they saw SAMUEL RICKMITS and another man walking across 31st from the side entrance of the Isis Theater towards the car stand and climb into a cab and drive away. TURNER said that was at approximately 11:15 p.m., 3/1/43, and that he has not seen or heard from any of the subjects since.

TURNER advised that he was arrested with EDDY O'BELL in 1935 on a charge of first degree murder, and that he was acquitted, while EDDY O'BELL was sentenced to a ten-year term in Jefferson City. He stated this was his only criminal record.

TURNER stated he has no information on any possible contacts of "RED" BEVER, except that BEVER and RICKMITS used to hang out in the pool room at the corner of 15th and Prospect, which was formerly run by JOE SCHULE, and at the Paris Inn, next door to this pool room, run by CURTIS GIBSON.

TURNER stated the reason he did not notify the FBI office or the police concerning these phone calls was that he was afraid of the subjects at first, and that later he was afraid he would get himself into trouble by revealing his connection with these subjects. He advised that his brother-in-law, EDDY FRANCE, who is employed as a fireman by the city, would be able to give further information concerning these subjects as he knew them rather well.

This information is also being set forth in the separate file above referred to in the harboring case against CHESTER A. MACKO, Kansas City Field Division File No. 76-1154, as it appears that MACKO has or knows about funds which subjects have told TURNER and other persons were available to them from or through MACKO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RUSKIN R. LINES:

On March 3, 1943 EDA WITHERS, Bainbridge Hotel, 900 East Armour, Kansas City, Missouri, related that she had been advised on March 2, 1943 by PAULINE STAMPS, 3831 Campbell, that on the night of Saturday, February 27, 1943, a bartender by the name of KEENEY had taken \$10 to Subject BEVER at the time BEVER was living at the Amidor Hotel.

LAM HOURS, operator of Wiltons Tap Room, 3511 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, thereafter advised that he believed the bartender referred to as KEENEY was KEENEITH CONKLIN, a bartender at the College Inn Supper Club, 127 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and who resides at 4521 Prospect, Kansas City, Mo.

Thereafter, KEENEITH CONKLIN, was interviewed by Special Agent LINES and Special Agent RICHARD C. SANTON, at which time a signed statement was obtained from CONKLIN concerning his activities in connection with this case. It is to be noted that an individual file is being opened on Subject CONKLIN for violation of the Federal Harboring Statute and accordingly only a summarization of the information developed is being submitted in this report.

CONKLIN related that on Saturday, February 27, 1943, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Subject BEVER telephoned him while he was working as a bartender at the College Inn Supper Club. At that time BEVER asked CONKLIN if he would lend him some money to pay "room rent". CONKLIN advised that he would give him such a loan and suggested that BEVER come down to the College Inn to get the money. BEVER advised he could not do so at that particular time but would see him later in the evening. The first telephone conversation was terminated at that point.

Thereafter at about 10 P.M. Subject BEVER again telephoned CONKLIN at which time BEVER pointed out that he would be unable to come down to the College Inn Supper Club to get the money, and requested that CONKLIN bring the money to the place where BEVER was staying. At that time BEVER pointed out he was staying in Room 3 of the Amidor Hotel, 1106 East 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Again BEVER pointed out that he wanted this money for room rent. CONKLIN agreed to the proposition.

Thereafter, at about one o'clock A.M. on February 28, 1943, CONKLIN went to the Amidor Hotel, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER (WIFE PAULINE) STAMPS and ROSE PARIS. This group went in the automobile belonging to Mr. STAMPS. Upon arrival at the hotel only CONKLIN went to the room occupied by Subject BEVER. At that time he gave BEVER a \$10 bill and observed that Subjects RADWAY and RICKETS were in this room also. CONKLIN was not acquainted with



these latter two individuals, however due to the circumstances, he believed they were fugitives from some law enforcement agency and BEVER at that time himself advised CONKLIN "we're hot". CONKLIN remained in the room only for a few minutes and departed in view of the fact he did not wish to become involved in any activities with these individuals due to the fact that they were fugitives from justice. He did not make any contact with any of these individuals after that date. He did not report this incident to any law enforcement agency or to the Kansas City Office of the Bureau. CONKLIN advises that he will cooperate in any way possible in order to determine BEVER'S present whereabouts and effect his apprehension.

On March 2, 1943 at about 6:00 P.M., information was received from the Police Department that THELMA MARTIN, 706 West 13th Street, had information indicating that DELBERT GOREN, cab driver for the Central Cab Company, 1800 Genessee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, had been at her home on Tuesday, February 23, 1943, with a person she believes she identifies as SAMUEL RICHETTS. It was further indicated that she had information regarding two other individuals who were supposed to be in the taxicab which remained parked in front of her residence. GOREN, the cab driver, introduced the person she believes to be SAMUEL RICHETTS as "DON", last name not given.

When the cab driver DELBERT GOREN was interviewed by Agent O'MAHONEY, he was questioned regarding the identity of DON and advised that this is a bartender, whose last name he does not know, but who formerly was employed at the Belleriv. in the Zachry Room, also that this same DON had been a bartender at the 7-11 Club at 12th and Summit Streets, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. THELMA MARTIN was interviewed on March 5, 1943 by Agent WILLIAM E. O'MAHONEY and she stated at this time that she is positive that it was on the morning of February 23, 1943 that GOREN and the man he introduced to her as "DON" came to her apartment; that they had both been drinking heavily.

It is noted from this investigation that fugitives were, apparently, in St. Louis, Missouri on this date as they had stolen the license plates on the car which was wrecked in the shooting affray in Kansas City on February 25, 1943.

This fact, together with the information obtained from GOREN that the person he introduced as DON is actually a bartender who has been located in Kansas City, Missouri for the past several months, appears to indicate that the report of Mrs. THELMA MARTIN is unfounded.

From the information furnished by Subject RICKETTS to the effect that a stolen automobile had been stored in a garage at Thirty-Sixth and Forest, Kansas City, Missouri, Special Agents CAMPBELL and WHITE located the garage owned by Mrs. SIMON P. WMSCHIED, 3604 Forest. She advised that on Friday, February 26, 1943, she had rented her garage to a man who gave the name of WALKER, whom she positively identified as Subject BEVER when photographs were exhibited to her of BEVER. She stated he paid the rent of the garage for one month in the amount of \$2.50 and left. At that time he rented the garage, he was accompanied by two other men. Later, a car was put in the garage, but she did not know when this was done. The car was inspected, and determined to be a 1940 Pontiac Coupe, maroon in color, bearing 1942 Missouri License Plates #728-902, and Motor Number #6-737,455. A search of this car revealed nothing of value other than the identification papers belonging to the owner, whose name is FLOYD SCOTT.

Therefore, this is the automobile that was stolen a few blocks away from the shooting on Pendleton Street on the night of February 26, 1943. A surveillance was maintained on this car by Special Agents of this Bureau, and by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. This surveillance was kept until March 3, 1943, at which time the car was removed to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Garage. No effort was made by BEVER, or any other person, to gain access to the automobile.

Continuous during the search for RADKAY and RICKETTS, the Police Departments of both of the Kansas Cities and the Sheriff's Offices in both of the counties in which these cities are located, were in cooperation with Bureau agents combing the cities and counties. After the newspaper articles, previously referred to in which the photographs of the three fugitives were printed, numerous and various reports were received from individuals who had called either the Kansas City Office, the Police Departments, or the Sheriff's Offices, relative to a person they had been believed to be the Fugitive BEVER.

In those instances where the persons did not know BEVER, and no definite location was obtained through investigation, either by the Kansas City Field Office or by the Police, these numerous reports are not being set forth in this report. However, in those instances where persons were contacted who knew BEVER, or had reported information, the following are set forth:

During this investigation, it was learned that CARMEN REECE was a waitress at the Muehlebach Hotel Coffee Shop. She is the wife of HARRY "BUDDY" O'DELL, who is now in the Penitentiary in the State of New York serving a ten-year sentence. CARMEN REECE O'DELL, previous to her marriage to O'DELL, was reputed to be the sweetheart of BEVER. This woman has been working at the Muehlebach Hotel Coffee Shop intermittently since 1934 and left Kansas City on March 1, 1943 to visit a sister, Mrs. F. P. McDERMOTT, 4801 Connecticut, Washington, D. C., who was reported ill.

CARMEN REECE O'DELL has a sister, a Mrs. LEO (VIOLET) WATSON, residing at 3214 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. She stated to Special Agent DICKERSON that she and her husband both know "RED" BEVER for some years. She said her husband had given BEVER a letter of recommendation in order to assist BEVER's enlistment into the Army; also, that CARMEN and "RED" BEVER were friendly.

She further advised that CARMEN writes and receives letters approximately four times a week from BUDDY O'DELL from the prison in New York, and that as far as she knew, these letters contained no information or mention of "RED" BEVER.

Mrs. WATSON stated she will immediately notify the Kansas City Field Office if she should hear of anyone being contacted by "RED" BEVER.

Agent DONALD C. FRANKEL interviewed Mrs. FANNY ROSETTA JAMES, 2105 College, Kansas City, Missouri, who was formerly Mrs. FANNY O'DELL, BUDDY O'DELL's mother, and she stated she has not seen or heard from Subject BEVER since he entered the Army, but that she thinks he might possibly make some attempt to contact her.

She further stated that her daughter-in-law, CARMEN REECE O'DELL, has told her on several occasions that she dislikes BEVER very much; that she thinks he is a bad influence on her husband, BUDDY O'DELL.

Her daughter, FANNY ELIZABETH JAMES, was also interviewed with negative results.

The provisions of the Harboring Statute were explained to both of these persons, and they advised they would contact the office if BEVER should make any attempt to get in touch with them.

Upon the return of CARMEN REECE O'DELL from Washington, D. C., she was interviewed at the home of her sister, Mrs. LEO WATSON, 3214 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, and she advised she had just returned

from visiting her sister-in-law and brother in Washington, D. C. She stated she had been afraid BEVER would try to contact her, and that was one reason why she left for Washington, D. C.

She and her sister, Mrs. WATSON, stated there had been several mysterious phone calls from an unknown person between 3:00 A.M. and 4:00 A.M. since BEVER's escape from the Cincinnati Jail, the last one being Sunday morning, March 7, 1943. Mr. or Mrs. WATSON had answered the phone, and had received no response from the other end of the wire. The phone calls seemed to be coming from a public place inasmuch as there was considerable noise coming from the other end of the wire. On each occasion, the person making the call would hang up without revealing his identity or asking any question.

CARLEN RICE O'DELL advised that her brother, PAUL REECE, had been very well acquainted with Subject BEVER, and that he had resided until January 1943 at 1472 Josephine, Denver, Colorado, but was now residing in Washington, D. C. She stated BEVER might not know of PAUL REECE's recent change of address.

Mrs. O'DELL advised the only person in Kansas City whom she believed BEVER might be likely to contact was a man named KAY TURNER, address unknown, who works for Ambrosy Mine Company, 302 Woodweather Road, Kansas City, Missouri, as a truck driver. She stated TURNER was about thirty-five years of age, and had been very friendly with both BEVER and RECKITT.

Mrs. O'DELL stated that should the telephone ring in the middle of the night again, she would answer it and if it was BEVER trying to contact her, she would try to arrange some meeting place and immediately advise the Kansas City Field Office.

A teletype was received from the Denver Field Office on March 2, 1943 advising that PAUL E. D. REECE was inducted into the Army about a month ago, and is presently stationed as a Technical Sergeant, E.R.C., 225 Signal Repair Service Company, U.S. Army, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Intermittent surveillance has been kept on THOMAS SUGGESS BEVER, generally known as GENE BEVER, brother of fugitive BEVER. GENE BEVER resides at 3424 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, apartment 20, and is employed in the Railway Mail Service, Fourth Floor Main Post Office Building, usually between the hours of 5:15 p.m. to midnight.

GENE BEVER was interviewed by Agents CAMPBELL and TALLERS about one hour after the escape of the subjects at the time of the Kansas City shooting on February 26, 1943. He did not appear to have, and denied having, any knowledge of the whereabouts of his brother, and appeared genuinely alarmed when told they were in the city and had just escaped from the officers. He was cautioned about the Harboring Statute, and again was asked if he would cooperate in locating his brother, at which time he would not definitely promise cooperation, but did finally state that he would not do anything to aid the fugitives.

Immediately after interviewing THOMAS SUGGESS BEVER, these agents proceeded to his apartment, where his wife and baby were found alone. She readily permitted agents to search the apartment, but nothing was found to indicate fugitives had been there. Mrs. BEVER was impressed with the provisions of the Harboring Statute and related that she doubted very much if subject BEVER would come there or contact her or her husband, for the reason he had never been very close to them, and since they had lived in this apartment (from December, 1941) subject BEVER has visited them only once.

Surveillance has also been maintained in the home of Mrs. LEO (MOLLY) WATSON, 3214 Central Avenue, over Mrs. LEOLE MAY RICHETTS (CARROLL), who is the wife of subg. RICHETTS. Mrs. WATSON has been very cooperative in this investigation. On February 27, 1943, Special Agents C. E. CAMPBELL and T. C. FULLAN were instructed to continue a surveillance on Lobbie's Cafe, 3 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at which place LEOLE MAY RICHETTS is employed as a waitress. (Mrs. RICHETTS lives at 3325 Central Avenue.)

EUGENE BEVER was observed sitting at a table and in conversation with KAY RICKETTS. As Agent CAMPBELL walked by the cafe, which is a very small one, BEVER, who was facing the window, noticed this agent and arose leaving the cafe and approached Agent on the street. He was visibly shocked and surprised and it was apparent he thought Agents were keeping a surveillance on him. He immediately asked what the agent wanted with him, and he was told that an interview with him was not desired for any particular reason, nor were his whereabouts being sought at this time. Since he was supposed to be at work at this hour of the day, Agent CAMPBELL inquired as to what brought him downtown. He stated he had not been feeling well and had reported off on sick leave.

He was asked if he frequented Nobles Cafe, and stated he had been in there once or twice before, and had just dropped in for a cup of coffee. When questioned as to whether he was acquainted with any of the employees, he stated he was not.

After a few more casual remarks, agent asked him outright the name of the waitress, and he immediately said, "Miss CARROLL", which is the name sometimes used by KAY RICKETTS. He was asked how well acquainted he was with her, and he said it was only a casual acquaintance, and that he knew nothing about her background or family connections, and that he had become acquainted merely because he had on several occasions dropped into this cafe.

He was very perturbed concerning the fact that agent had observed him in this cafe in contact with this girl, and specifically requested agent to refrain from letting his wife know in any way that he had been observed downtown.

It has been noted during this investigation that KAY RICKETTS and EUGENE BEVER visited subjects in Cincinnati while they were confined in jail. At another interview, EUGENE BEVER denied having been in Cincinnati to visit his brother at the same time as KAY RICKETTS, or at least denied knowledge that she had been there. He stated that on January 27, 1942, he had left Kansas City travelling to Cincinnati via the Missouri Pacific Railroad to St. Louis, and from there on the Big Four, arriving at Cincinnati at 8:00 A.M. on January 28, 1942. He registered at the Palace Hotel, believed he was given Room 123, using his correct name, and later that morning he went to the jail to visit his brother. He denied seeing either RICKETTS or RADKAY, but visited with Subject BEVER approximately twenty minutes, at which time he discussed the welfare of the other members of the family, and the probable sentence HARRY BEVER would receive. After this visit, he spent the remainder of the day walking around the business district of Cincinnati, and later in the evening went to a theatre, to see the show, "Pittsburgh". He does not remember the name of the theatre, but stated it was about two or three blocks from the hotel.

He said he had no relatives nor anyone else in Cincinnati other than his brother at that time. He stated the following day he again visited HARRY BEVER in jail for about twenty minutes. He offered any assistance he could render, but HARRY BEVER declined stating that he knew his family had no money to employ an attorney nor did he, HARRY BEVER. However, he stated he felt the court would appoint an attorney for him.

EUGENE BEVER stated he financed this trip on \$40.00 given to him by his mother, and upon being questioned as to why he had suddenly become interested in the welfare of his brother, whom he had already stated he had not been in contact with for quite a period of time, he stated that his parents thought some one of the family should visit HARRY BEVER in jail, and that he, EUGENE, was the logical one to do so. After completing the second visit with his brother, EUGENE BEVER related he wandered around Cincinnati and left on January 30, 1943 early in the morning, returning to Kansas City by the same train above-named, and arrived in Kansas City at approximately 1:00 A.M., Sunday, January 31, 1943.

He, at first denied that during his visit with his brother any mention was made of KAY RICKETTS' visit to RICKETTS and RADKAY, but that his brother had stated RADKAY'S mother had been there and left him some money. This, it will be noted, could be confused with the visit of KAY RICKETTS. He later admitted, however, that his brother had given him KAY RICKETTS' address in Kansas City and where she worked, and that he had called her at her apartment shortly after his return from Cincinnati, which was the first time he had met her personally.

He said he knew of KAY RICKETTS because at the time these three fugitives were arrested at Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, after the shooting of the soldier by BEVER, KAY RICKETTS had visited BEVER'S parents' home and severely upbraided them concerning the activities of HARRY BEVER, whom she claimed was responsible for all three members being in jail as a result of his senseless activities and the shooting of the soldier.

On the occasion of his first visit with KAY RICKETTS, he carried a message to her that RICKETTS desired her to return to Cincinnati for another visit. She said she had been in Cincinnati approximately two weeks before to visit him, and that she had no money to return. She asked him if he had visited RICKETTS or RADKAY while visiting his brother, and he informed her he had not.

Subsequent to this time, BEVER denied that he had seen or contacted KAY RICKETTS except on Saturday night, February 27, 1943, as above related. Upon being pressed for an explanation as to why he saw fit

to contact her on this occasion, he said he had indicated to her at the time of their first visit that he would see her sometime in the future, no definite date being arranged. However, in view of the current activity in this case, he had decided to go down to see her to find out whether she had received any information of interest to him.

EUGENE BEVER has been interviewed several times, and it will be noted he has never promised full cooperation in this case; that he has been thoroughly advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute, but has never openly stated he would advise agents of this office should he be contacted by his brother or other members of his gang. He has only gone so far as to state he would not "help them." He finally stated that he will agree to notify this office immediately should he receive any information about, or be contacted by, any of the fugitives.

Mrs. THOMAS EUGENE BEVER telephoned the Kansas City Field Office on March 3, 1943, and stated that BEVER's mother, BLANCH BEVER, 115 East Thirty-third Street, had suddenly collapsed due to the newspaper publicity of the apprehension of Subjects RICKETTS and RABLEY, and the fact that the papers were now being concerned about the tracking down of BEVER. She stated it was her mother's wish that there be broadcast an appeal for Subject BEVER to turn himself in. She was advised by Special Agent MORRIS she would have to take this matter up directly with the radio stations or the newspapers direct concerning any publicity as desired by her mother.

Mrs. MACK HALING, 106 East Thirty-third Street, a neighbor and close friend of the BEVERs also requested that this be done.

The Kansas City Star, in the issue of March 4, 1943, carried this appeal.

It was learned from Mrs. CARL T. HALING, 106 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri, that underneath her resides Mrs. HALING, above referred to, and that Subject BEVER has often used the phone in her apartment. It was believed by Mrs. HALING that if Subject BEVER wished to contact his mother, he would call the HALING telephone.

Mrs. MACK (BLANCH) HALING, 106 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed at her residence by Special Agent MORRIS and QUINCY. Mrs. HALING informed that she is well acquainted with the BEVER family, and has known them for a period of about ten years. She stated the BEVERs have been residing at their present address since December 7, 1941; that previously they resided at 2102 Brooklyn,



Mrs. HALING stated that the BEVERs use her telephone quite frequently, but denied there had been any recent contact with Subject BEVER. Mrs. HALING stated she would immediately notify the Kansas City Office if she heard anything concerning the present whereabouts of Subject BEVER.

In further questioning Mrs. HALING, she stated that the only time Subject BEVER had ever used the telephone was when he was home to visit his mother on Mother's Day in 1942, and that at that time BEVER called a Mrs. STERLING (ALICE PALE), 512 West Thirteenth, Kansas City, Missouri, with whom BEVER is well acquainted.

Mrs. S. P. PALE, 512 West Thirteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone number Harrison 4216, advised she was well acquainted with the BEVER family, had known them for approximately twelve years, and that they had formerly resided at the addresses of 711 West Sixteenth Street, 1024 Summit Street, and between Fourteenth and Fifteenth on Central, all Kansas City, Missouri. This was, however, approximately eight or nine years ago. She stated she had not seen Subject BEVER for over three years. However, BEVER had telephonically contacted her when he was home on leave from the Army last summer. She also stated that her husband, who is employed by the Kansas City Terminal, Kansas City, Kansas, at Tower #2, is well acquainted with BEVER and his family. Mrs. PALE advised that BEVER had not attempted to contact either her or her husband since last summer, and made the assurance that she and her husband both would cooperate with this Bureau in that they would immediately notify this office should they obtain any information concerning BEVER, or should they attempt in any way to contact them.

Mrs. BLANCH BEVER, 115 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri, mother of Fugitive BEVER, was interviewed by Agents DICKINSON and SCOTT on March 13, 1943. She had an extremely hostile attitude and stated that if her son RALPH did return home, she would not turn him in, but would ask him if he would turn himself in. She said that if he refused to turn himself in, she would rather serve a prison sentence for harboring than notify the authorities.

OTHEL BEVER, father of Fugitive BEVER, stated he had no knowledge of his son RALPH'S whereabouts.

Private ROBERT D. BEVER, brother of Fugitive BEVER, was on a furlough from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was interviewed at 115 East Thirty-third Street, Kansas City, Missouri by Special Agents SCOTT and DICKINSON.

He advised he had not seen his brother RALPH since May, 1942, and that he had no knowledge of subject's present whereabouts. He stated that for his mother's sake, he would notify the Kansas City Office if he learned of his brother's whereabouts, but that he did not think RALPH would try to contact either him or his family.

The background information of DIXIE DEAN GARRETT, Granada Apartments, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the divorced wife of Fugitive BEVER, is contained in the report of Special Agent MELTON PARTRAM DICKERSON dated January 19, 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri on page four. BEVER and DIXIE GARRETT were divorced in 1940.

DIXIE GARRETT has been interviewed numerous times and appears to be cooperative and Agents FLEMING and DICKERSON have maintained a surveillance in her apartment. She resides with her stepmother, Mrs. PANSY GARRETT. No attempt has been made by BEVER to contact her.

DIXIE GARRETT advised Agent DICKERSON on Sunday, March 7, 1943, that she received a letter from RALPH BEVER'S younger brother ROBERT, who is in the Army. She stated they correspond every two weeks, the nature of the correspondence being that of a brother and sister relationship.

She exhibited to agent the last two letters she had received from Private BEVER, which contained no mention of Subject BEVER or his escape. DIXIE said ROBERT BEVER often borrowed money from her, and would pay it back on his regular payday. She said the last letter from him contained a money order from him for \$10.00 in payment of a previous loan. DIXIE said ROBERT was six years younger than RALPH, and had never been very close to his elder brothers, and that he was an entirely different type of man from RALPH and CINE, who were heavy drinkers and had often been engaged in fist fights.

Mr. GEORGE MAROON is a well known Syrian underworld character in Kansas City. He lives at Apartment #7, Bonaventure Apartments, Park and Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. He was interviewed in the Kansas City Field Office, and knows RADLEY, RICKETTS, and "BUDDY" O'DELL. He stated he does not know BEVER. MAROON has an extensive police record in Kansas City, Missouri. It is not known that he has ever served time in a penitentiary, and he denies that he has.

JAMES HAMILTON, 127 Short Street, Independence, Missouri, was called to the Kansas City Office on the evening of March 1, 1943 after it was learned he had called Chief of Police D. O. CATO at Independence, Missouri. HAMILTON advised that around 2:30 P.M. on March 1, 1943, he received a telephone call from BEVER asking if he had any rooms to rent. He said he told him no, that he did not have any. He stated he got to know BEVER at the time BEVER worked at the Muehlebach Hotel as a porter. HAMILTON is now employed at the Aircraft Accessories Corporation, Kansas City, Kansas. HAMILTON furnished the following names of persons who worked with BEVER at the Muehlebach Hotel prior to the latter's going into the Army:

JOE MURPHY, now employed at the Kansas City Terminal  
ED MUNNERS, Porter at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri  
CLAYTON ZACKMAN, employed at the Muehlebach Hotel  
BILL McGLASSON, employed at the Muehlebach Hotel  
JOE TROEN, Head Porter, Muehlebach Hotel

HAMILTON stated he will notify the FBI should BEVER contact him again.

Mr. DAVE WHITE, Investigation Department, Sunflower Ordnance Plant, Eudora, Kansas, advised Special Agent R. C. SAXTON that HOWARD WOOD JOHNSTON, who is employed at the Sunflower Ordnance Plant, had told him that he was at one time a friend of HARRY RALPH BEVER. Agent SAXTON interviewed HOWARD JOHNSTON at 3411 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, who stated he was acquainted with Subject BEVER when they were both employed in the Muehlebach Hotel as Bell Hops for a period of four or five years. He stated BEVER had not contacted him, and he had no information whatsoever as to his present whereabouts.

JOHNSTON stated it was his opinion that of all of the persons whom BEVER associated with at the Muehlebach Hotel, he probably would contact JIMMIE MURPHY; that JIMMIE MURPHY had gone to Pearl Harbor about a year and one-half ago, but that he, JOHNSTON, had heard he has returned to Kansas City. JOHNSTON stated he would notify the Kansas City Office in the event he obtained any information relative to the whereabouts of BEVER.

Mr. ALEX FEWLES, Assistant City Counsel, Kansas City, Missouri, residing at 3028 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Field Office and stated that his wife, and sister-in-law, MARGARET RICHARDSON, may have some information.

Special Agents FRANK L. MONTGOMERY and LUTHER S. MONTGOMERY interviewed MARGARET RICHARDSON, Apartment #308, 3028 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, and she stated she works with DIXIE GARRETT, the ex-wife of Subject BEVER, at the Commercial Equipment Company, 1416 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, both being on the same shift. She stated DIXIE GARRETT is very closely associated with MARGIE FORD, who lives with her husband, JOHN, or JACK FORD, at Seventy-fifth and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. ALEX FEWLES stated that her husband, ALEX, once "fixed" a ticket for "RED" BEVER in the City Court, and believes that BEVER may try to contact her husband.

Mrs. FEWLES also stated that her husband's sister and brother-in-law, who live in the same building, Apartment #205, HERBERT and LEONA FORD, may possibly be contacted by BEVER inasmuch as they gave him a ride to Kansas City from California about a year ago.

Agents LUTHER S. MONTGOMERY and D. C. FRANKEL interviewed Mrs. LEONA FORD, 3028 Tracy, Apartment #205, during which interview her husband, HERBERT W. FORD, was present. Mrs. FORD stated that she had met "RED" BEVER in Upland, California, the summer of 1941 at which time he was staying at a rooming house run by people by the name of WEST, who are related to CARL WEST, Kansas City, Missouri, policeman, who lives at the South Side Hotel, 31st and Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri; that while in California "RED" was a very good friend of JACK, or JOHN and MARGIE FORD, who live at 7830 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.

LEONA FORD advised that she and her husband drove "RED" BEVER home from California about September of 1941 but had not seen nor heard from him since that time. However, they do know that he has seen CARL WEST inasmuch as they met CARL WEST on the street and he advised that he had seen "RED" BEVER. However, this was sometime in the fall of 1942. She further advised that CARL WEST has a son who was very friendly with "RED" BEVER but that this son was presently in the Army.

JOHN M. FORD, and his wife MARGIE FORD, 7830 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, were interviewed by Special Agents FRANKEL and WHITE. They stated they had been very friendly with both "RED" BEVER and his ex-wife, DIXIE GARRETT, and made one trip to California in the summer of 1941 with "RED" BEVER.

They stated they have not seen him but once since that time and that was during the period he was A.W.O.L. from the Army and prior to his desertion from the Army.

JOHN FORD advised he was of the opinion that "RED" BEVER might possibly contact him, and that were he to do so, he would immediately notify the Kansas City Field Office. He could furnish no information as to people BEVER might contact.

He further advised that CARL WEST, Kansas City, Missouri Policeman, who lives at the Southside Hotel, 3050 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, was his stepfather. FORD furnished Agent FRANKEL with several snapshots of Subject BEVER and requested that these be mailed back to him after Subject BEVER was apprehended.

JOHN H. FORD advised he is the brother of WALTER A. FORD, Eighty-Seventh and Arce, Kansas City, Missouri. WALTER A. FORD was interviewed by Agent WHITE, and he advised that he and his son, ROBERT FORD, were very closely associated with BEVER approximately three years ago; that he has lost contact with him, and doubted if BEVER would attempt to contact him now. He did not know of anyone whom Subject BEVER might contact.

He stated he will immediately notify the FBI in the event any information comes to him concerning fugitive BEVER.

JAMES CARL WEST, Southside Hotel, 3050 Harrison, a member of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, informed Agent MONTGOMERY that he has been closely acquainted with BEVER for over a period of six years; that BEVER, in the Summer of 1940 and 1941, had been in California and had roomed with a relative of his, a Mr. J. D. WEST, 195 South Euclid, Upland, California. BEVER, while in California, worked as a cook at the Rock Inn Barbecue, which is on Pomona Boulevard midway between Upland and Ontario, California.

RICHARD CARL ADAMS, Jr., 2005 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agents RICHARD C. SEXTON and RUSSEL R. LINES. He is employed as a guard at the Lake City Ordnance Plant, and at one time worked with Subject BEVER at the Kuehlsch Hotel. ADAMS stated that BEVER had made no effort to contact him. ADAMS said that when BEVER lived in Kansas City in 1940 with an individual by the name of O'DELL, who is now in prison, they went to Oregon and worked in a lumber camp; that BEVER told him this. Mr. ADAMS further advised that two former associates of BEVER whom he might contact are "SPUD" and CHARLIE DAVIS, whom he stated were former boxers in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. ADAMS said that the DAVIS brothers lived at one time at 1512 Washington, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. ADAMS further stated that BEVER used to loaf at the Broadway Gardens, now called the Hilltop Gardens at 1608 Broadway.

Mr. WILLIS BENDER, Night Attendant at the Plaza Garage, 209 West Forty-Sixth Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that BEVER formerly worked at Martin's Cafeteria, 4638 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, and usually stayed around with him, BENDER, at the Garage. BENDER stated BEVER spent the night with him about a year ago, which was the last time he had seen him.

He stated BEVER has not attempted to contact him since that time. BENDER stated he feared that BEVER might recall his former association and steal a car to make an attempted get-a-way.

BENDER stated he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Office in the event he should learn of any information regarding Subject BEVER.

Mr. HAMBLET SMITH, Clerk, Phillips Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent GARR on March 4, 1943, that he became very well acquainted with subject when subject was a bell hop at the Buchlobach Hotel, and that he and subject on numerous occasions did have drinks at a bar in the Aladdin Hotel, which is now closed, and that the bar tender, RILLO "BLACKIE" HAMBLET was extremely friendly with BEVER.

Mr. HAMBLET was located at the Turf Cafe, 1115 Broadway, where he is employed at the present time as a bar tender, telephone HARRISON 9036. He stated that he presently resides at 712 West 12th Street, Apartment #204, and that subject BEVER telephoned him at his place of employment at 11:30 P. M. February 26, 1943, and told him that there were three of them and that one was hurt and that they wanted to hide out for a few days and asked him if he still had an apartment. HAMBLET said that he told him that he did not and that he only had a hotel room and therefore could not hide them out.

He advised that at that time he did not know what kind of trouble BEVER was in and did not know that there was anything seriously wrong. He stated that BEVER might try to contact him in the future and that in view of the fact that he is very well acquainted with BEVER's mother, who is at the present time seriously ill, he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division and would make arrangements for BEVER's apprehension. He appeared to be sincere in his offer to cooperate and stated that he had not seen or heard from the subject since this time and had not been asked for any money.

On March 5, 1948, a letter was received by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department from Mrs. DORIS BLAS, 2911 Shaw-wood, Kansas City, Missouri, in which she stated that her husband, DORIS BLAS, was a good friend of RALPH BEVER. Mrs. BLAS was interviewed by Agents DICKERSON and SCOTT. She stated that her husband and RALPH BEVER had been friends for eight years; that they had their right arms tattooed at the same time, with a double heart, an arrow through it, and their initials or names tattooed over the hearts. She advised that her husband, DORIS BLAS, is presently employed as a truck driver for Powell Brothers on West 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and spends most of his time driving out-of-town truck routes; that her husband and "RED" BEVER had worked at Martin's Restaurant on the Plaza together; that a girl named MELBA used to work in the same restaurant and was a friend of BEVER. Mrs. BLAS stated that as far as she knew BEVER did not know where they lived, but was concerned that he might try to contact them. She will notify the FBI Office in the event she obtains any information. Mrs. BLAS also stated that her husband and RALPH BEVER were friends of HOWARD FLETCHER, who has an egg business on Prospect Avenue.

HOWARD FLETCHER, 3931 Ross Lane, Kansas City, Missouri and his brother, ELMER FLETCHER, 3730 Summitt, Kansas City, Missouri, were interviewed at their place of business, 2531 Prospect. They advised Agent DICKERSON that they both knew "RED" BEVER very well, since they had both married girls who had been employed at Martin's Restaurant, and had attended numerous parties with BEVER. They advised their wives' names were ELLA and DOROTHY, and they knew of no MELBA who had been employed at Martin's. The FLETCHER brothers stated that they had not seen BEVER since last August when he was home and still in an Army uniform and drinking heavily. They advised that ARMY FORD was the foreman or boss at Martin's Restaurant when BEVER was employed there.

ELMER KELLY, owner and manager of Martin's Cafe, 4827 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he had employed RALPH BEVER in his market and also as a cook for some time about six years ago. He stated BEVER had been a good worker, was friendly to

all the employees, and has later married two different girls while employed at Martin's. He advised that the first wife's name was DOROTHY VAUGHAN FRUITT, and that she had been married both before and since her marriage to BEVER. He was unable to furnish her present name or address. MARTIN stated he could not recall any MABEL having worked in his cafe, tavern, or market while BEVER was employed there. He did not know of any JOHNNY who was a bartender.

JOHN BUFFA, Apartment 24, 727 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent DICHERSON that he is the bartender at the Belmont Tavern, 405 East 10th Street; that he was contacted by Subjects BEVER and ALBERTS on the night of March 2, 1943. BUFFA said a cab driver came into the bar while he was working, at about 12:30 or 12:40 a.m., and asked him to come out to the taxi. He stated he could not leave the bar, but because the cab driver insisted it was important, he left the bar and went out to the cab, still wearing the bartender's apron. BUFFA said they had him get into the cab, and asked him where they could stay or sleep. He said he told them he knew of no place to stay except a hotel, whereupon they told him to get out, and the cab drove away. BUFFA said he had never seen either of the men before, but he identified the man who did the talking from photographs as being ALBERTS. BUFFA said he had not met either ALBERTS or BEVER before, and he could give no reason why he had been contacted. He said he knew of no other bartender whose name was JOHNNY. He said the tavern was owned by his sister, MARY BUFFA, and managed by his brother, WILLIS BUFFA, and that they had never had any connection with any of the three subjects.

Mrs. DOROTHY BUFFA, advised she was contacted before the subjects found her husband at the Belmont Tavern. She said that at approximately 12:30 a.m., March 2, 1943, two men knocked at her apartment door at 727 Paseo and asked for JOHNNY and wanted to see where he worked. She then told this man what her husband wanted. This man had also asked her if she was MABEL BUFFA, and she told him her name was DOROTHY, and she knew of no MABEL BUFFA. Mrs. BUFFA identified the man from photographs as being Subject BEVER.



Mrs. MAUDE DALY, manager of the Amador Hotel, 1104 East 23rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that the three subjects had made several phone calls, and subsequent to these calls a crippled man had come to their room. She described this man as having a long face, big eyes and not very bright looking, and she said she would recognize him if she saw him again. This was in the fore noon. This man was shorter than MADKAY and he had a slight build and limped very badly, walking bent over. She said that he was not identical with Subject MADKAY, as she had not seen MADKAY limp. She said this cripple had come into the hotel empty-handed and had been there only once.

NICHOLAS KEMGSTRA, Amador Apt. 1, advised Agent DICKERSON he recognized the photographs of the three subjects as being those of men who had eaten at the Sherry Buffet, 1110 East 23rd Street. He said the counter girl named MARY had told him she fixed up a sack of sandwiches for the red-headed subject who told her he wished to take out the food because his pal had a frozen foot. KEMGSTRA identified the picture of Subject MADKAY as being the man who ate at the counter in front of the buffet, and the other two men ate at the back, out of sight. KEMGSTRA said that the three men had been at the Apollo Bar on Troost Avenue, and were also seen in the bowling alley on Troost Avenue near the Amador Hotel.

Mrs. NUTE HUDELSON, manager of the Alcazar Hotel, 101 West 39th, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent DICKERSON that RALPH BEVER and his former wife, DIXIE GARRETT, had resided in the Alcazar Hotel up until sometime in 1941. She stated that on March 5, 1942, a letter had been delivered to the Alcazar Hotel for PANSY GARRETT, whom she believed to be identical with DIXIE GARRETT. She stated that DIXIE GARRETT had used that name, and had also been known by the name of BEVER when she had lived at the Alcazar.

Mrs. PANSY GARRETT, Apartment 103, 3029 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent DICKERSON that she was the step-mother of DIXIE GARRETT and had resided at the Alcazar Hotel with DIXIE GARRETT for over a year or until September or October,

1941. She advised that Fugitive BEVER had never lived at the Alcazar, inasmuch as PERIE was separated from him in 1939, but her divorce was not final until the spring of 1941. Mrs. GARETT said that she had lived with her step-daughter at the Alcazar until moving to the present address. She exhibited the contents of the letter received at the Alcazar on March 5, 1943, which revealed it was only a chain letter having no pertinency to this investigation.

CORNEL GREGORY telephoned the Kansas City Field Office on March 4, 1943, stating that he received information from JOSEPH H. HOLYNEUX, 3004 Stevens Street, Parsons, Kansas, and from VERNON COX, 265 South Tremont, Kansas City, Kansas, both of whom are employed by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company, that Subject BEVER had possibly been seen boarding a freight train leaving Kansas City, Missouri on Tuesday, March 2, 1943. GREGORY is special officer for MKT railroad.

VERNON COX, 265 South Tremont, Kansas City, Kansas, advised Agent R. L. LINES that Train 271, Engine 95 (a freight train) left Kansas City, Missouri, about 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 1943; that he was in the yards at the time of its departure, and a few minutes prior thereto he observed a suspicious-looking individual climbing into an empty coal car on this freight train. He advised this individual was wearing a dark overcoat and a dark cap. He advised that this same individual was also seen by CHARLES FANNING, another employee of the MKT, who was working in the yards at the same time. COX advised that he had talked with FANNING and their descriptions and actions of this individual were identical. BEVER'S photograph was exhibited to FANNING and COX, but neither of them could positively identify the person as being BEVER.

JOSEPH H. HOLYNEUX, 3004 Stevens, Parsons, Kansas, was interviewed at the MKT Railroad Yards. He stated he was on Train 270; that this train passed the previously referred to Train #271 between Parsons, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri; that the train upon which he was riding was going from Parsons, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri, and upon passing this train

he noticed that an individual wearing a dark overcoat and what appeared to be a dark cap or hat was lying in the bottom of the coal car; that this person was in the bottom of the coal car as if he were hiding from someone.

It was determined that Train #271 was enroute to Parsons, Kansas, and was supposed to arrive in Parsons about 5:30 p.m., March 2, 1943; that the coal car in which this person was hiding would be held up at Parsons, Kansas, and the cars of the freight train were switched at this point.

This information was telephoned to Special Agent WILLIAM D. BAXLEY of the M&F Railroad at Parsons, Kansas, by Agent LINDS. Thereafter he advised that he had contacted all the railroad employees on Train #271 who had handled this train on March 2, 1943, with negative results. BAXLEY furnished information later that he had contacted A. E. LANDRUM, the director of the Salvation Army at Parsons, Kansas. LANDRUM, according to BAXLEY, stated he positively identified Subject BAKER as being an individual who stayed at the Salvation Army quarters in Parsons, Kansas on the night of Wednesday, March 3, 1943; that he recalled this individual due to the fact he had a slight quarrel with him concerning his making up the bunk in which he had slept. He particularly pointed out that this individual appeared to be somewhat nervous and suspicious due to the fact he did not take his clothes or shoes off when he slept in the bunk that night. This information was confirmed by BO HUNT, a transient, who stayed at the Salvation Army quarters that night.

In addition, this individual was positively identified as Subject BAKER by LESLIE ALBERT, 1814 Santa Rita Street, Parsons, Kansas, a sanitation truck driver, and by TANEY WEBBICK, 1410 Stevens, Parsons, Kansas. BAXLEY advised that he had obtained these reports by means of the FBI circular and the photographs in the Kansas City Star. He pointed out that all of these individuals claimed to have made a positive identification of this individual as Subject BAKER because of BAKER'S red hair, bushy eyebrows and gold teeth. BAXLEY said the police department and sheriff's office at Parsons, Kansas, and he, himself, were

working on this case, and that on the night of March 4, 1945 they had checked all the rooming houses in an effort to locate this person in Parsons; that their last information indicated he had been seen March 4, 1945 at about 11:00 a.m. walking south on 21st Street in Parsons, Kansas. He stated these law enforcement agencies were still working on the case.

BARLEY advised that he determined this individual did not use any name when he registered at the Salvation Army, and no authentic description of the clothes this individual was wearing was obtainable. He pointed out that possibly this person's next logical stop if he had left Parsons, Kansas, would be Vinita, Oklahoma. BARLEY said he would telephone the Special Agent of the MTT railroad at Muskogee, Oklahoma, in order to obtain his cooperation in the search for BEVER.

Agent LINES furnished BARLEY information to the effect that RADKAY, BEVER and RICKETTS had registered at the Amidor Hotel under the names of PAUL YEAGER, ALDY WALKER and THOMAS PARTS and had listed as their residence Rural Route 2, Parsons, Kansas, at the time of that registration. BARLEY advised he would check this information and any other pertinent information, if obtained, he would telephone to the Kansas City Field Office.

On March 6, 1945, about 11:30 a.m., Special Agent DICKERSON was advised by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department that a call had been received from 3612 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, with reference to Fugitive BEVER.

Mrs. JESSIE FOSTER, 3612 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed immediately by Agent DICKERSON, who advised that she is the landlady at that house and on the afternoon of March 4, 1945, a man came to her door inquiring about a basement room for rent. She said she showed him the room, and he said he would return later if he wished to rent it. Later in the afternoon this person came back and paid her \$3.50 in cash for one week's rent, giving his name as F. RICHARDSON, and no other address. At that time he said he was not working at the present, having

just arrived in Kansas City, but was trying to get a job. This person did not have any luggage or clothes, and said he would have to get some clothes in town; he seemed to be in a great hurry, and she could not be sure about his appearance as he never took off his hat, even in the house, and did not unbutton his coat. She saw no other money other than the \$3.50 which was paid to her. Mrs. FOSTER said RICHARDSON had never slept in the room he rented, and the only time he was in the house was when he inquired about the room, later when he rented it, and a few minutes on the morning of March 6, 1943. She asked him where he was living or where he was sleeping, and he said he was staying at the home of friends.

Mrs. FOSTER related that at approximately 11:15 a.m., March 6, 1943, a delivery boy, determined to be JIMMY SCANTLIN, who was still present at this interview, brought a COD package consigned to F. C. RICHARDSON from Toolf Brothers Clothiers, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. FOSTER said that shortly before the delivery arrived RICHARDSON himself came in and asked if a package had come for him yet, and when she replied in the negative, he went to his basement room. When SCANTLIN arrived with the package she called RICHARDSON, and he came up from the basement, took the package, and returned to the basement. Mrs. FOSTER said that when he did not reappear she went to the basement to call him for the delivery boy, and found his room door locked. Receiving no response upon knocking, and hearing no one, she telephoned the police. She said when the police arrived they opened the window in the basement room from the outside, went into the room, and unlocked the door. Examination of the tracks in the snow revealed that the man known as RICHARDSON had opened the window, thrown the package out on the ground, then climbed through after the package, closed the window from the outside, jumped over a fence in the back yard, and had headed west. Mrs. FOSTER said that the best description she could give of RICHARDSON was that he was approximately five feet nine inches tall, wore a brown hat and a gray cloth coat, and was quite heavy. She was unable to identify positively two photographs of the Subject BEVEL as being RICHARDSON.

JIMMY SCANTLIN, 1351 Holly, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed at 3612 Wyandotte. He advised he was the delivery boy for the Merchants Delivery Service, 1710 Washington, Kansas City, Missouri; that he had delivered a suit of clothes and an overcoat to the Wyandotte Street address consigned to a man by the name of F. C. RICHARDSON; that he determined these clothes were sold by a salesman by the name of STRAUN at the Woolf Brothers Store, and he was to collect the sum of \$86.00. SCANTLIN related that upon arriving at this address the package containing the clothes was in a disheveled condition, and as he knelt to re-tie the package, a man came up from the basement and said he would take the clothes and that he needn't bother tying the package. SCANTLIN said he glanced up from his kneeling position, but could not get a very good look at the man's face as he had his hat on and his collar up. He said he waited several minutes for the man to return from the basement with the money, and then went to the basement room and found the door locked. SCANTLIN said after the police arrived they were questioning him, and one of the officers with whom he had attended school asked him if the man who had stolen the clothes was PALPE BEVER; that the officer and he (SCANTLIN) had also attended school with BEVER. SCANTLIN said although he didn't get a good look at his face and could not be positive enough to testify that it was BEVER, he believes it was BEVER. Upon pressing him further, SCANTLIN said he had known BEVER very well and had gone to junior high school with him. He said he had also known BEVER when the latter was a porter at the Lushbach Hotel and when he (SCANTLIN) was a bellboy at the Stats Hotel in 1939. He said he has not seen BEVER since 1939, but that he would know him should he see his face clearly. SCANTLIN said he could not say whether or not RICHARDSON recognized him.

SCANTLIN described RICHARDSON as having an olive or gray overcoat, a crown hat, and wearing rimless glasses. He was unable to give his height, weight, color of hair, or eyes.

JULIETA CHRISMAN, 3612 Wyandotte, informed Agent LICKERSON she had seen this RICHARDSON person come in to get the package. She described the man as approximately five feet nine and one-half inches tall, weighing 180 to 185 pounds, wearing a brown

hat and a gray covert overcoat. She was unable to identify the photographs of BEVER as being identical with the person known as RICHARDSON, stating that she did not get a good look at his face and saw him only once. She stated that she saw this person running away after jumping over the fence in the back yard.

F. L. CHRISTIAN said he just caught a glimpse of RICHARDSON, and believes it was BEVER from the similarity to the photograph exhibited to him.

JOSEPH SMITH, in charge of the fingerprinting laboratory at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised that a thorough examination of the room rented by RICHARDSON revealed no fingerprints.

Mr. E. CLIFFORD STANLEY, salesman at Woolf Brothers, was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. WHEELERS. STANLEY advised that on Thursday, March 1, 1945, at 10:30 a.m., he gave his name as F. C. RICHARDSON, looked at some clothes. He described this person as follows:

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| Age        | 35 years  |
| Height     | 5' 8" or 5' 9"  |
| Weight     | 160 lbs.  |
| Eyes       | Brown   |
| Complexion | Medium; no outstanding physical characteristics                       |
| Clothes    | Wearing a dark brown suit, covert cloth overcoat and a dark brown hat |

STANLEY stated this individual was very well dressed; that he wore his hat during the entire time he was in the store, and for that reason he was unable to give the color of this person's hair. The records at Woolf Brothers Department Store reflect this individual wore a size 40 suit and a size 36 overcoat. While in the store he had a dark blue suit and a gray overcoat of heavy weave. He said at that time he could not make up his mind whether to purchase

the suit and overcoat, and that he would return about 2:00 p.m. that day. On 2:00 o'clock that afternoon he telephoned saying he could not visit the store because of other engagements, and that he would return in the morning. STRAUN stated on Friday morning, March 5, 1943, he telephoned he could not come down. He then called again that afternoon and stated he desired to have the clothes delivered to 3612 Wyandotte Street immediately. STRAUN stated he told this man he could not deliver them that afternoon, but would deliver them the next day. He said no alterations of any kind had been made on the clothes before delivery.

STRAUN described the suit as a double-breasted, dark blue unfinished worsted with no brand inside; it was simply marked "Woolf Brothers." He said the suit was of a solid color and had no plaid or any other marking on it. The overcoat was described by STRAUN as being single-breasted bluish gray of tweed material. He said the material was mostly gray, but there were some blue threads in the weave. This coat had no brand on the inside, but was marked "Woolf Brothers." No other clothing was purchased by him.

The photographs of fugitive BEVER were exhibited to STRAUN, and he advised that this person bore a strong resemblance to the full length photograph of subject.

STRAUN advised that as far as he knows this person conversed with no other salesman. Photographs were exhibited to other salesman with negative results.

This incident is being reported as it was learned SCANTLIN had told the police officers it was BEVER, and the Kansas City Star published an article on March 7, 1943 about this incident, narrating that it was BEVER.



At 10:30 A.M., March 2, 1943, C. S. SCOTT, 622 East Fifteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, driver of Yellow Cab No. 212, advised Agent CARR that he picked up a man of a similar description as subject, wearing a leather jacket, dark trousers, dark hat, having red hair, with stocky build, at Fourteenth and Penn Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:05 A.M. on March 2, 1943, which address it is noted is in the vicinity of 721 West 11th Street, where RICKETTS was apprehended. Mr. SCOTT stated this person told him he had to catch a 9:10 A.M. train, and he took him to the Union Station, arriving at 9:06 A.M. He stated this person had no baggage.

Agent CARR proceeded to the Union Station and determined from the information window that the only train scheduled to leave Kansas City at 9:10 A.M. was the Kansas City Southern Railroad, Train No. 1, en route to Shreveport, Louisiana, with first stop Pittsburg, Kansas; second stop Joplin, Missouri, passing through Fort Smith, Arkansas and Texarkana, Arkansas. Subject BEVER's photographs were exhibited and description furnished to T. Y. PAYTON, Gateman No. 2, and Assistant Station Master, RAY WAGNER, both of whom were at Gate No. 10 during the time passengers were being loaded on Train No. 1. Both of them stated they did not notice this individual go through the gate to board the train.

Special Agent GEORGE PERRELL, Kansas City Southern Railroad, Pittsburg, Kansas, was telephonically requested to obtain a flyer containing subject's photograph and description and board the train at Pittsburg, Kansas, together with the police for the purpose of ascertaining if subject was on this train. He stated that if it was not ascertained at Pittsburg, Kansas, that subject was on the train, he would ride the train to Joplin, Missouri, and in the meantime determine if he was present.

Chief of Police TOM STOWERS, Pittsburg, Kansas, subsequently telephonically advised that he had helped Special Agent PERRELL search the train for BEVER with negative results.

Chief of Detectives HENRY VERMILLION, Joplin, Missouri, was telephonically requested to help Special Agent PERRELL at Joplin, Missouri, in connection with this matter. VERMILLION subsequently advised that a complete search of the train had been made by him and Special Agent PERRELL at Joplin, Missouri, and that the only person fitting subject's description was EURT LANE, of Joplin, Missouri, who has red hair and who wore a leather jacket, dark trousers and hat, whose father is a well-known business man in Joplin, Missouri, and who is well known to the Chief of Police and to himself, and consequently not the subject.

It is noted this individual is evidently the person picked up by the taxicab driver and delivered to the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. HARRY GOLDBERG, 9808 Merrell, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Agent CARR that he is a driver for the Terminal Cab Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and stated that on March 4, 1943, at about 6:10 A.M., March 2, 1943, he picked up a man at Eleventh and Broadway, who fit the general description of subject BEVER, having red hair, stocky build, leather jacket, and green trousers, no tie and dark shirt. He took him to the Union Station, where he got out and went into the Station and came back within a few minutes with a small patent leather bag. He then took him to the Phillips Hotel and let him out. Between 3:30 and 4:30 P.M. on the same day, the same man stopped his cab at Twelfth and Baltimore and he took him to Thirty-first and Troost, at which time the man handed him a \$20.00 bill. At this time the man had on a dark brown pin stripe suit, white shirt and dark tie, and had obtained a hair cut and shave since he saw him last.

A search of the records of the Phillips Hotel revealed that four men registered between 6:00 and 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 1943, and all of them were identified by EUGENE SMITH, Clerk of the Hotel, as old customers of that hotel and respectable business men. SMITH, who is well acquainted with BEVER, stated that he was on duty that morning, and is positive BEVER did not come into the hotel, however, he stated that it would be entirely possible for anyone to come in the front entrance of the hotel and proceed to the Men's Washroom at the right and down the stairs, just inside the front entrance. He stated this washroom is open twenty-four hours a day, and that frequently people use this washroom to sleep in and to clean up in, in view of the shortage of hotel rooms in Kansas City.

Mr. JOHN HILL, colored man, black and porter, Phillips Hotel, advised that he arrived at the hotel at 6:45 A.M. on March 2, 1943, and that he found a man in the washroom who was asleep and that this man was dressed in a green suit, had red hair, but that it was at least thirty-five years old, weighed two hundred and ten pounds, had no hat and no overcoat, and had a large "Gey windmill". He stated further that this same individual has been coming in the washroom on an average of once a week and sleeping and cleaning up, for the last two months, and it appeared to him that he had been out all night and would come to the washroom to clean up before going home. It appears that this was the man who was taken to the hotel by the taxicab driver, HARRY GOLDBERG, and that he is not identical with Subject BEVER.

Special Agent SCOTT obtained information from Detective LOU MYERS of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, that FRANCES THOMAS, a police character, formerly a resident of the Arlene Hotel, Kansas City, is now supposed to be at Joplin, Missouri, and had at one time been reported as having associated with BEVER; that the Police Department at Joplin, according to MYERS, had arrested her numerous times.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK at Joplin, Missouri:

Mr. T. C. DAVENPORT, Jr., Manager of the Connor Hotel, Joplin, Missouri, stated he is well acquainted with Subject BEVER, who was formerly married to DIXIE BARRETT, a cousin of his (DAVENPORT). DAVENPORT stated he secured employment for BEVER at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, because of this relationship by marriage, and that BEVER was a satisfactory employee, and showed no signs of lawlessness at that time. DAVENPORT stated he had never heard of FRANCES THOMAS reported to be in Joplin.

He stated he is anxious to be of assistance to the FBI, and would immediately contact the Joplin Police Department and the FBI in the event he obtains any information concerning Subject BEVER's whereabouts.

A photograph of BEVER was given to DAVENPORT for circularization among his employees.

The records of the Identification Division, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, contains no record of FRANCES THOMAS. This case was discussed with HENRY VERMILLION, Chief of Detectives, and T. C. PONE, Chief of Police, at Joplin. A photograph of BEVER was left with the Joplin Police Department. Both VERMILLION and PONE stated they had no recollection of FRANCES THOMAS.

The facts relating to BEVER were discussed with Sheriff GEORGE THUM, and Deputy Sheriffs FRANK CARLIS and JOHN A. PAINE. A photograph was left at the Sheriff's Office.

A photograph was also left with Sergeant WALTER GRANGER, Missouri State Highway Patrol, who is in charge of the Zone Office at Parthage, Missouri covering the Joplin area.

Agent SCOTT interviewed Mrs. NELLIE BAUML, 2317 Spruce, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the sister of the mother of Fugitive BEVER. Mrs. BAUML, a widow, said she had not seen or heard of the Fugitive BEVER since the escape. Mrs. BAUML furnished the following names and addresses of her sister and brother:

Sisters: Mrs. DAN ISAACS, 381 East Tenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa  
Mrs. DOROTHY DOWNING, Newton, Iowa

Brother: E. A. GREEN, Inmate, Iowa State Penitentiary

Information was received from Mr. RICHARD W. ARNOTE, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent RICHARD C. SEXTON. ARNOTE stated he is a distant relative of the BEVER family and has had no contact with any members of the family within the last few years. He said HARRY RALPH BEVER has a grandmother, Mrs. BEN GREEN, at Mill Grove, Missouri; also another relative, an uncle, ROY BEVER, who resides on a farm near Modera, Missouri, which is six miles from Mill Grove.

On March 3, 1943, Sheriff WILLIAM M. CHRISTIAN, Trenton, Missouri, reported by telephone to the Kansas City Field Division Office that a woman had just come to him and advised that someone had apparently tried to enter her home, and was wondering if it could be Fugitive BEVER; that this woman is very well known to ELANORE BEVER, the mother of HARRY RALPH BEVER. This woman also mentioned that the grandmother and uncle of BEVER live in the vicinity.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRED L. BUCCIANI on March 3, 1943:

It was determined that Mrs. LEWIS E. GOODLOE, 705 Highland Street, Trenton, Missouri, was the person who went to Sheriff CHRISTIAN. Upon interview, she stated that about 11:00 or 11:30 on the evening of March 2, 1943, someone came to her house and tried the door as though wanting to get in, and not as a house-breaker. She stated that whoever it was left before his identity became known to her. She advised that Subject HARRY RALPH BEVER and her son, ROBERT GOODLOE, were very good friends several years ago; that Subject BEVER spent a good deal of time at her house, and that if he needed help, she thought he might come to her, especially since her house is located near the Rock Island Railroad main line tracks. Mrs. GOODLOE stated further that she is a very good friend of Subject BEVER's father, who resides at Kansas City. Mrs. GOODLOE recalled that BEVER had a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. DAN ISAACS, residing at Des Moines, Iowa. DAN ISAACS is a Foreman of a Bridge Gang for the Rock Island Railroad.

The following persons were interviewed at Trenton, Missouri, all of whom stated they knew HARRY RALPH BEVER, though none had seen him recently:

ERNEST F. DILLEY, Peyton Hotel  
L. E. FORTH, Barber, Tinsman Avenue  
HARRY GREGORY, Room 31, Peyton Hotel  
E. O. "SHORTY" RUSSELL, 107 East Thirteenth Street  
Mr. and Mrs. ROGER REMRO, 1513 Lulu Street

Mr. and Mrs. BEN GREEN, BEVER's grandparents, were interviewed at their home at Mill Grove, Missouri, as were the subject's uncles, ROY BEVER and GEORGE BEVER, both of whom reside on farms near Mill Grove, Missouri. Each stated that he had neither seen nor heard of subject BEVER for the last year or year and a half, and had received no correspondence from him during this time. Each stated further that they knew of no other relatives in or near Mill Grove other than those already interviewed.

All persons interviewed by Agent BRUCCIANI were warned of the possibility of prosecution under the Harboring Statute, and all advised they would report any attempt by Subject BEVER to contact them, and would report any information they might receive concerning his whereabouts.

On March 4, 1943, HUGH L. VANCE, of Chillicothe, Missouri, advised Agent BRUCCIANI that Subject BEVER had an uncle residing at Mill Grove, Missouri, who was an ex-convict, and whom he believed the subject might contact before anyone else because of his previous prison record.

On March 9, 1943, Agent BRUCCIANI interviewed RALPH L. ORR, Postmaster, Mill Grove, Missouri. He stated Subject BEVER has an uncle, ERNEST GREEN, who served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary, and is released, and who, at present, is serving time at the Iowa State Penitentiary. ORR advised Subject BEVER has another uncle by marriage, IAN DOWLING, who served time in a Federal Penitentiary for parole violation. DOWLING was formerly Postmaster at Mill Grove, and was dismissed and placed on parole for misappropriating Post Office funds. He violated his parole by "raising" checks. ORR advised that DOWLING is at present either in Newton, Iowa or Des Moines, Iowa. ORR advised, further, that the only relatives Subject BEVER has in Mill Grove are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. BEN GREEN, and his two uncles, ROY and GEORGE BEVER.

On the night of March 8, 1943, Agent SCOTT received information from Inspector REX WILLIS, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, that he had received information from RUSSELL SMITH, 1817 Pendleton, Kansas City, Missouri that BEVER was reported to be at Leavenworth, Kansas, and was to hitchhike to Denver, Colorado that night or the next morning.

Agent SCOTT telephoned RUSSELL SMITH for further details, and the latter reported that about 4:00 P.M., March 9, 1943, he had received a call from one of his informants, whose name he would not divulge, that this informant told him a couple of days ago Fugitive BEVER had come to a pool room at Fifteenth and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, and had been told by this informant he had better give himself up; that BEVER replied to the effect that he had connections in Leavenworth and Denver, and indicated he was going there; that BEVER only stayed about two seconds in the pool room, and remarked in substance as he went out, "You can call them now -- you don't know which way I am going."; that BEVER had on a dark overcoat.

Upon pressing SMITH for further information, it developed that the matter of the hitchhiking was SMITH's idea. It was SMITH's further idea upon questioning him as to why BEVER would be in this neighborhood, that BEVER would probably be trying to contact GEORGE MARCON. SMITH stated he would contact MARCON and advise Agent SCOTT as to what he learned.

Agent SCOTT telephonically contacted Lieutenant KATINS of the Leavenworth, Kansas Police Department, and Lieutenant KATINS stated he would have his officers cover all likely hide-outs and hotels, and notify the Sheriff and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

A teletype was sent to the Denver Field Office on the night of March 9, 1943, advising that BEVER may be hitchhiking en route to Denver.

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DIXIE GARRETT, wife of BEVER, was reinterviewed, but she was unable to furnish any information as to why he would stop in Denver, although she stated they had at one time been there on a visit, indicating that was five years ago on a pleasure trip. DIXIE GARRETT said that on this trip they went to Ontario, California, where they stayed at the home of one ANDY WALKER, who is now in the United States Navy. ANDY WALKER is a good friend of Subject BEVER, but is honest insofar as she knows.

Reference is made to Page 7 of this report wherein one latent fingerprint was forwarded to the Bureau obtained from the 1938 green Pontiac car which was wrecked in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bureau letter dated March 9, 1943, stated this latent fingerprint was compared with the fingerprints and palm prints of HARRY RALPH BEVER, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY and SAMUEL RICKETTS, but no identification could be effected.

The Buffalo Field Office was advised by teletype on March 5, 1943 to disregard a lead to locate a taxicab driver named "TONY" at Niagara Falls, New York since RADKAY was apprehended in Kansas City.

The Chicago Field Office was advised on February 27, 1943 to ascertain from the A.P.I. any information concerning the 1938 green Pontiac Coupe, Motor #8-93142, which was stolen in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Louisville Field Office by teletype dated March 5, 1943, reported the theft of the 1938 green Pontiac coupe, Motor #8-93142, which was stolen from Louisville, Kentucky. They also reported the recovery of the 1939 Chrysler Sedan, Motor #C 18-8092, which car belongs to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON.

The Chicago Field Division Office was advised by teletype dated March 4, 1943 to cancel stop at A.P.I. relative to the 1940 Pontiac Coupe, Motor #6-737,656, which was stolen at Kansas City, and recovered at Kansas City.

The following is a description of Subject HARRY RALPH BEVER:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Name           | HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases<br>Larry James Dugan, Fred Mathews,<br>Harry Beaver |
| Age            | 26 years  |
| Date of birth  | September 13, 1916  |
| Place of birth | Millgrove, Missouri   |
| Height         | 5 feet, 3 3/4 inches  |
| Weight         | 175 pounds  |
| Eyes           | Gray-green  |
| Eyeglasses     | Rimless   |
| Eyebrows       | Bushy   |
| Hair           | Red, wavy   |
| Build          | Medium stocky   |
| Complexion     | Ruddy   |

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| Race   | White   |
| Nationality  | American  |
| Education  | 2 years, high school.   |
| Occupations  | Cook, laborer, bell hop, porter   |
| Scars and marks  | Tattoo double heart with initials. RED right arm. Four small scars right wrist. Small scar upper lip right. Scar left side neck and left earlobe. |
| FBI number   | 2,413,512   |
| Dress when last seen Kansas City, Missouri March 2, 1943, was wearing: | Brown leather jacket, dark trousers, and dark felt hat.   |

**ENCLOSURES: TO THE CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE:**

Two photostatic copies of registration cards of THOMAS PARTS, PAUL YEAGER, and ARDY WALKER, dated February 25, 1943, covering their registration at the Amidor Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri on February 25, 1943 for Subjects LICKETTS, RADKAY and BEVER.

**TO THE DES MOINES FIELD OFFICE:**

One photograph of HARRY RALPH BEVER

**TO THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE:**

One photograph of HARRY RALPH BEVER

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## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

### THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Upland, California will interview Mr. J. D. WEST, 185 South Euclid, as to the whereabouts of Fugitive BEVER.

It is noted, also, on Page 41 of this report that BEVER worked as a cook at the Rock Inn Barbecue on Pomona Boulevard, which is midway between Upland and Ontario, California.

Also, on Page 52 it is noted that BEVER is a friend of ANDY WALKER, Ontario, California, now reported in the United States Navy.

### THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

#### At Louisville, Kentucky

Will report the recovery of the 1933 Chrysler sedan belonging to Mr. CLOYCE WILSON, Motor #315-3091.

Will report the theft of the 1928 Pontiac coupe, Motor #8-93142, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Will submit facts to the USA relative to prosecution, prosecution having been declined by the USA, KMO.

### THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Cincinnati, Ohio will submit facts to the USA relative to prosecution for violation of the Federal Escape Act and the ISVIA, prosecution having been declined by the USA, KMO.

### THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

#### At Newton, Iowa

Will contact DOROTHY DOWNING and BEN DOWNING, aunt and uncle of Subject BEVER, for any pertinent information they might have concerning him. If BEN DOWNING is not at Newton, will ascertain his present address from DOROTHY DOWNING, present address possibly Des Moines, and conduct an appropriate interview.

At Des Moines, Iowa, will contact Mr. and Mrs. DON and ERMA ISAACS, aunt and uncle of Subject BEVER, for any pertinent information they may have concerning him. They reside at 321 E. 10th Street.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

at Kansas City and Vicinity

Will continue investigation as to the whereabouts of FUGITIVE  
BRYAN, leading to his apprehension.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **91-159** **McM**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ALBANY, N. Y.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-10-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-27-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JOSEPH A. WALTER</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was, FUGITIVE; SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; SELECTIVE SERVICE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Records, Savage Arms Corp., Utica, N. Y., reflect that one Model 99, Cal. 300, lever action rifle, Serial No. 401896, was shipped May 7, 1941 to TRACY, WELLS CO., Spring & Front Sts., Columbus, Ohio.

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**Reference:**

Bureau File 76-9296. PREVIOUS RECORD OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_  
Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, dated 1-11-43, at Cincinnati, Ohio; report of Special Agent JOHN BURKE DEURY, dated 1-25-43, at Albany, N. Y.

**Details:**

**AT UTICA, N. Y.**

Mr. LEO GORMAN, Records Dept., Savage Arms Corp., when contacted made a search of his records and advised that they reflected that one Model 99, Calibre 300, Savage lever action rifle, Serial No. 401896, was shipped May 7, 1941 to TRACY, WELLS CO., Spring and Front Streets, Columbus, Ohio.

No other information concerning this rifle was reflected in the records.

-- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN --

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                                     |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>3 - Cincinnati<br>2 - Albany<br><br><b>52 MAY 22 1943</b> |                         | <b>1 MAR 12 1943</b><br><i>[Stamps: REIS, SMITH, GARY, FIVE]</i> | RECORDED<br>INDEXED<br><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At Columbus, Ohio

Will make inquiry at the TRACY, WELLS CO., located on Spring and Front Streets, and obtain all pertinent information concerning the Model 99, Calibre 300, Savage lever action rifle, Serial No. 401896, which was shipped to that firm on May 7, 1941, from the Savage Arms Corp., Utica, New York.

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MAR 5 1943  
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

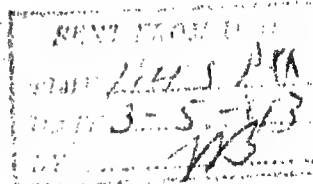
I thought you would be interested in knowing that William Isaac Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, two extremely ruthless and dangerous criminals who were among the five felons who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio on February 12, 1943, have been apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau at Kansas City, Missouri. Radkay was taken into custody at 7:00 p.m. on March 1, 1943 and Ricketts was apprehended at 6:15 a.m. on March 2, 1943.

Ricketts, Radkay, and Harry Ralph Dever — the latter escapee is currently being sought — were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio on October 31, 1942. In addition to these three, Clarence and Arthur Parsons, brothers, who were sentenced on November 23, 1942 in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio to serve seventy-five years each for kidnaping, also escaped. The Parsons brothers were apprehended on February 17, 1943 in an abandoned house in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio by local officers who were making a routine check of a complaint from the owner of this house that someone was illegally occupying it. It is believed that Dever, the only one of the five escapees still at liberty, will be taken into custody in the near future.

There are attached copies of the Identification Orders issued by this Bureau on subjects Ricketts, Radkay, and Dever.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen **Attachments**  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC HARKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1571; SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1575; HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases,  
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FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

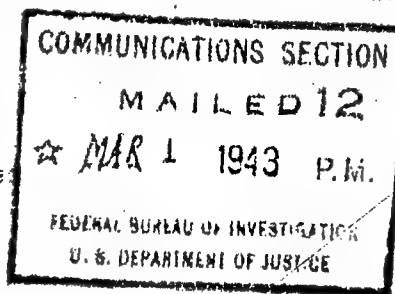
You are being furnished herewith five snapsh finished copies  
each of the photographs of fugitives Harkay, Ricketts and Bever.

These are for the use of your division in the event  
photographs separate from the identification cards are desired  
for use in displaying these witnesses of the commission purposes.

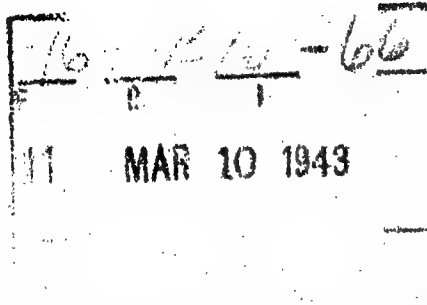
The office of origin in this case is Cincinnati, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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**LATENT**  
**EXPEDITE**

Re: **HARRY RALPH NEVER, was, et al,**  
**FUGITIVES**  
**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS**  
**FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**

File # **76-9296-**  
Lab. # **99734**

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Examination requested by: **Cincinnati (76-964)**

Date of reference communication: **let 2-18-43**

Date received: **2-22-43**  
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Examination requested: **Doc - Fgpt**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Robyak**

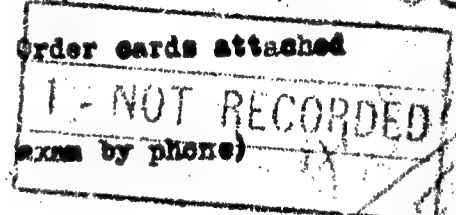
Specimens submitted for examination

- at*
- Q1 Env pm Louisville, Ky., Feb. 17, 1943 *and* adr to Mrs. Cloyce Wilson, 3563 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
  - Q2 Asp handwritten note bgn "Doctor is in a corner....."
  - Q3 Env pm Louisville, Ky, Feb. 17, 1943 adr to Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio.
  - Q4 Asp handwritten note bgn "Man tied up in....."

**RETURN EVIDENCE**

(Jackets have not been called for. Identification Order cards attached by Supervisor K. C. West.)

( Please advise Supervisor West of results of exam by phone)



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 2/24 1942

FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

76-9296 -  
Case Number:

No latent fingerprints developed \_\_\_\_\_

Iodine prints developed on \_\_\_\_\_

Silver nitrate prints on ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

E. P. Coffey

By: Erickson  
Examiner



JCK:MFV  
76-9296

March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1870; WILLIAM ISAAC MADKAY, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1871; HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1869,  
ET AL; BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Transmitted herewith is a draft of Apprehension Order  
Number 847, on Fugitive Samuel Ricketts, Identification Order  
Number 1870.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 8, 1943

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:

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APPREHENSION ORDER NUMBER:

1870-847

FBI NUMBER:

1,485,280

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases;  
George Mason, Sam Rickett, Sam Ricketts,  
Bob Roberts, George Roberts, T. Roberts,  
Thomas Roberts, "Doc" Ricketts, George  
Thomas, George Wright, Robert Wright,  
"Shingle".  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Identification Order Number 1870 on the above named subject is  
hereby cancelled inasmuch as he was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 2, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED 2  
★ MAR 9 - 1943 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1870

76-9296-64

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Re

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March 2, 1943

JR:FSM

76-9296 -

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, et al  
FUGITIVES, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1943, transmitting the following described specimens for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #76-964:

- Q 1 Envelope postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, and addressed to Mrs. Cloyd Wilson, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Q 2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Doctor is in a corner...."
- Q 3 Envelope postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, and addressed to Chief of Police, Station 1, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Q 4 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Man tied up in....".

You are advised that the above-listed specimens were examined and five latent fingerprints were developed. Of these, four were developed on the outside of specimen Q 1 and one was developed on the inside of specimen Q 3. These latent prints were compared with the fingerprints of Harry Ralph Bever, #FBI-2h13512, William Isaac Rathay, #FBI-911699, Samuel Ricketts, #FBI-1486280, Clarence A. Parsons, #FBI-2135406, and Arthur R. Parsons, #FBI-1759011, but no identification was effected.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ You are being separately advised as to the results of the laboratory  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ examination conducted.  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MAR 4 - 1943 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut  
February 27, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAC RATKAY, was., FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE;  
CLEMENTE ALBERT PRASONS, was., FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PRASONS, was., FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Cincinnati Field Office dated February 15, 1943, to all Field Offices, and to the report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, made February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

A review of the New Haven files reflects that all leads in this Field Division have been covered. The flyers relating to the Subjects have been distributed as requested.

Accordingly, this case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Simons*  
A. H. Simons  
Special Agent in Charge

WAM:ME  
91-108

cc Cincinnati



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
March 3, 1943

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

TO ALL SAC'S IN CONTINENTAL UNITED  
STATES EXCEPT CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY  
AND WASHINGTON FIELD

WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY WAS FUG TO ONE EIGHT SEVEN ONE, SAMUEL RICKETTS WAS FUG  
TO ONE EIGHT SEVEN NAUGHT, HARRY RALPH MEYER WAS FUG TO ONE EIGHT SIX NINE,  
ETAL, BR, NEWTA, FEA. DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION AS TO RADKAY AND RICKETTS.  
SUBJECTS APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY.

RECOVER

cc - Bureau, San Juan, Honolulu (ASBU)  
Cincinnati (regular mail)  
Kansas City "  
Washington Field (special messenger)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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GLOVE

3-3-43

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AS TO RADKAY AND RICKETTS. SUBJECTS APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 3 1943

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RADKAY AND RICKETTS. SUBJECT APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY.

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FIRST LINE NEXT TO LAST WORDSX ARE SAMUEL RICKETTS

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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RADKAY AND RICKETTS. SUBJECTS APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY.

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MAR 3 1943

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KCH:MP  
76-9296Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 24, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1870  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1871  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1869  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

The above Federal prisoners escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943. Ricketts, Radkay and Bever were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, which occurred on October 31, 1942. Clarence and Arthur Parsons were sentenced on November 23, 1942, in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, to serve seventy-five years each for Kidnaping. Federal complaints were filed against these five subjects on February 13, 1943, in Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with violation of the Federal Escape Act. National Motor Vehicle Theft Act process is also outstanding against Subjects Bever, Radkay and Ricketts.

Immediate investigation was conducted to locate the subjects and on February 15, 1943, ninety-eight thousand fliers bearing the photographs and descriptions of these individuals were prepared and forwarded to the field. At 7:10 P.M. on February 17, 1943, the Cincinnati Police Department apprehended Clarence and Arthur Parsons in an abandoned house in Saylor Park, which is a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. This house is owned by a Negro woman who noticed two strange white men in it and reported this to the Cincinnati Police Department, following which the subjects were picked up in the company of two sisters, ages fifteen and seventeen, respectively. The parents of these girls, Everett and Florence Mitchell, and one Mike Scott have since been picked up by Bureau Agents and have been charged with harboring the Parsons brothers.

Intensive investigation is being conducted to locate Subjects Bever, Ricketts and Radkay and Identification Orders, copies of which are attached hereto, have been prepared and forwarded to the field on these subjects.

RECORDED & INDEXED  
Respectfully,

A. Rosen



Attachments

MAR 1 3 1943

**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1870**

February 19, 1943

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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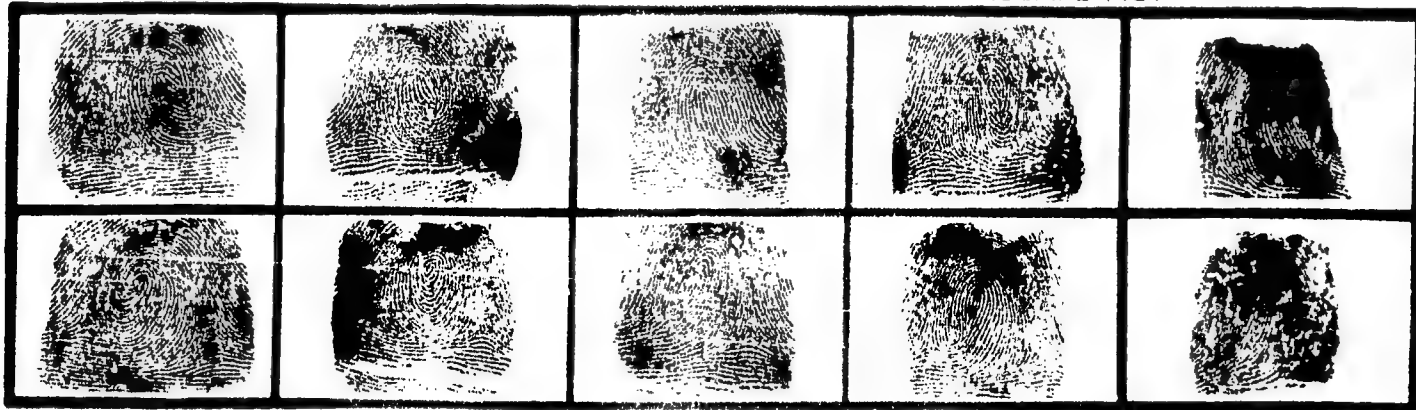
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**WANTED**

SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases; GEORGE MASON, SAM RICKETT, SAM RICKETTS, BOB ROBERTS, GEORGE ROBERTS, T. ROBERTS, THOMAS ROBERTS, "DOC" RICKETTS, GEORGE THOMAS, GEORGE WRIGHT, ROBERT WRIGHT, "SHINGLE".

**BANK ROBBERY**

**NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 24 years, born December 26, 1914, Lincoln County, Kansas, height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches; weight, 135 pounds; eyes, dark brown; hair, black; complexion, medium; build, slim; eyes, wearing glasses; American; Education, 8th grade; Occupation, Bakery; current activity, crime, bank robbing; left side foreheads, prominent lower jaw, sunken eyes, foreign marks of injury (scar) on forehead.

**RELATIVES**

Mrs. Julia Deane Ricketts, mother, 3522 Montgall Street, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Neola Ricketts, also known as Ray Carroll, Ray Ricketts, wife, 3525 Central, Kansas City, Kansas; Henry Aaron Ricketts, brother, 3522 Montgall Street, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Velcey Williams, sister, 2019 South Hill, Asenden, Kansas; Mrs. Glenn (Ruth) Holloway, sister, E. R. 910, North Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Michael (Stella) Dowe, sister, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Dorothy Rose Coviding, sister, 3017 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 1934; charge, burglary; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.  
As Sam Ricketts, #5565, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1934; charge, burglary (various charges); disposition, 30 days for petty larceny, 30 days for burglary.  
As Sam Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1934; charge, investigation, burglary and larceny; disposition, released to Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.  
As Sam Ricketts, #5565, arrested Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1934; charge, receiving stolen property; disposition, 30 days for petty larceny, 30 days for burglary.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1934; charge, investigation; disposition, released.  
As Thomas Roberts, #24866, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 14, 1934; charge, investigation; disposition, released to Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1934; charge, investigation, robbery; disposition, released to J. S. Marshall, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #24866, arrested J. S. Marshall, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 24, 1934; charge, bank robbery; disposition, lodged county jail, released to J. S. Marshall, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
As Samuel Ricketts, #27154, arrested J. S. Marshall, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 1, 1934; charge, bank robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, arrested on lodged county jail, released to J. S. Marshall, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Photograph taken December 1, 1942



*Samuel Ricketts*

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 27, 1942, charging subject Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in that he had stolen a 1934 Buick Wildcat sedan in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and driven it to Kansas City, Missouri, and to St. Paul, Minnesota.

A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 31, 1942, charging subject Samuel Ricketts with a violation of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in that he had stolen a 1934 Buick Wildcat sedan in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and driven it to Kansas City, Missouri, and to St. Paul, Minnesota.

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The enforcement agencies hereby request any additional information which would tend to identify or locate the subject of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any other person named herein.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation located in the nearest city.

1-466,280

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director

February 22, 1943

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

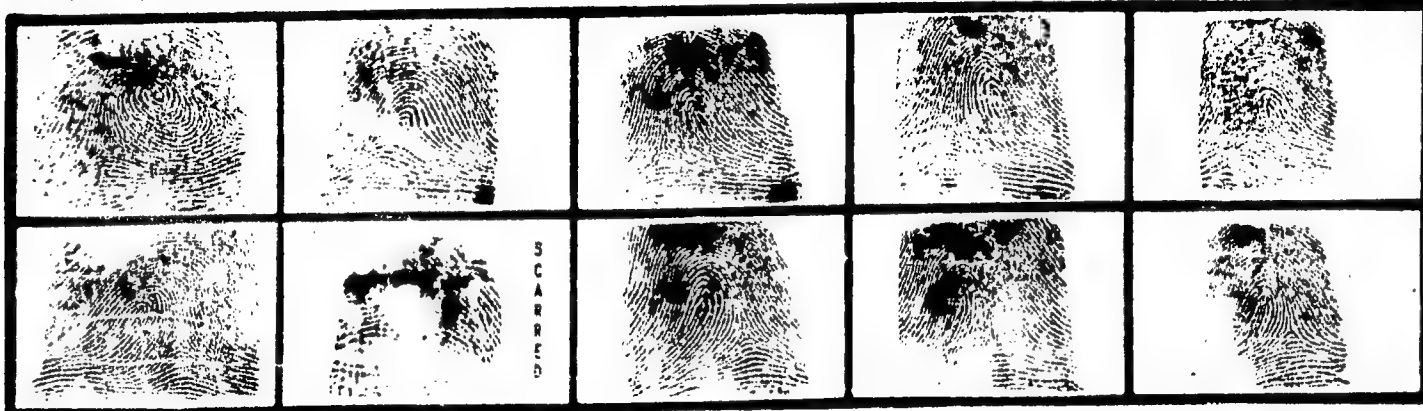
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FBI No. 911,699

# WANTED

WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases: JAMES MURPHY, SAMUEL ISAAC RADKAY, WILLIAM RADKAY, SAM RADKE, WILLIAM I. RADKEY, WILLIAM RATKAY, WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WILLIAM RATKY, WILLIE RATKE, WM. I. RATKE, WILLIE RATKEY, BOB REESE, S. R. REUBEN, SAMM REUDEN, SAMMY ISAAC REUBEN, WILLIAM RODMAN, GEORGE E. ROWAN, SAMUEL ISAAC ROWAN, GEORGE ROWEN, SAM RUBIN, SAMUEL ISAAC RUBIN, "SAM", "WILLIE".

BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT



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The above items, including the above items, are in the possession of the above named person and are being held for the purpose of the above named person's business. The above named person is the owner of the above named business and is the owner of the above named property. The above named person is the owner of the above named business and is the owner of the above named property.

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On June 1968, was arrested by a Federal Agent from Kansas City, Kansas, on December 3, 1968, charging subject as William Isaac Kahane with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and was held for \$ 100,000.00 on about May 16, 1969, unlawful transport of stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Kansas City, Kansas, to Kansas City, Kansas.

3. Defendant was interviewed by SA [redacted] on November 27, 1942, charging defendant with being a fugitive from the United States. Defendant admitted that he had been in the United States since approximately November 9, 1942, allegedly transiting a stolen aircraft in international waters from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois.

Bureau records reflect that on 3 February at Cincinnati, Ohio on December 28, 1962 charging subject as a felon under federal law, with a violation of the Federal Bank Building Statute by failing to comply with all conditions of National Bank of Cincinnati check on October 31, 1962.

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1. On 10/10/68, the FBI received a letter from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) regarding the activities of the AFSC in the United States. The letter stated that the AFSC was a non-profit organization that was engaged in various social service activities, including the provision of food and clothing to the poor, and the operation of a large-scale program of international exchange. The letter also stated that the AFSC was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and was active in the civil rights movement.

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Transmit the following message to:

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BPP, JEA. TWO THOUSAND IDENTIFICATION ORDERS ON RADKAY BEING FORWARDED  
YOUR OFFICE AIR EXPRESS TONIGHT FOR DISTRIBUTION DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS.

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OUTREMONT, QUE.

To MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,

DIRECTOR OF F.B.I.,

WASHINGTON D.C.,  
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Your communication of February 18th in relation to

HARRY RALPH BEVER

has been received.

Investigation will immediately be made and you will be promptly  
advised of the result.

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Date: February 22, 1943

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC HARKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith six copies each of Identification Orders #1870 and #1869 on Subjects Ricketts and Bever, respectively.

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**Washington, D. C.**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1870;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1871;  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1869;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SAC Brantley, Kansas City, phoned to advise subject Radkay was apprehended on Trobst Avenue near 32nd Street by Special Agents Milton Dickerson and Ruskin R. Lines who recognized Radkay on the street. Radkay was immediately taken to the Kansas City Field Division where he is being held. No publicity of any sort will be given this apprehension by the Kansas City Office and none should be given by the Bureau pending further developments looking toward the apprehension of subjects Bever and Ricketts. Mr. Brantley was advised it was the Bureau's desire, if possible, to make a simultaneous release in this case here at the Bureau and in the Kansas City Office. Brantley stated information has been obtained regarding the place where the subjects are believed to have been staying but that they are not at this address at the present time. The purpose of this call was merely to place the Bureau on notice regarding the progress of investigation, and Mr. Brantley did not go into detail because he was leaving the office with Agents in an effort to apprehend Ricketts and Bever at the time of the call. He stated he would promptly notify the Bureau of further developments and no press release would be made in Kansas City until the Bureau received further notice.

The above information was given to Supervisor J. B. Minor in Mr. Nichols' Office in the absence of Mr. Nichols who stated he would immediately advise Mr. Nichols of the above facts. I further advised Minor that Supervisor J. B. Greene, Crime Records Section, thoroughly reviewed the files of this case and prepared background data on the subjects to be given the press as was done in the Touhy Case, and that this data, together with the Identification Orders on the subjects and the information concerning the subject's apprehension, which would be furnished as soon as possible should be sufficient to prepare a suitable press release. Mr. Minor stated he would contact Greene and handle this matter.

Respectfully,

L. C. West



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| CINCINNATI, OHIO: 2-10-43 : 2-13, 14-43 :   | JOHN A. REITZEL : NCW |
| Title:  | Character:            |
| <p>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. Larry James Egan, Fred Matthews, Harry Beaver - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>WILLIAM ISAAC RATKA, was. William Ratkay, William A. Ratkey, William Isaac Ratkay, William Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Rustin, Samuel Rowan - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>SAMUEL RICKETTS, was. Sam Rickett, Thomas Roberts, George Wright - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was. Clarence Wells; Woodrow Holbrook - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was. Arthur Wells, Arch, Bill, - FUGITIVE</p> |                       |
| <p>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS and FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</p> <p><del>DEFENSE RECORDING</del></p>   |                       |

## Synopsis:

HARRY RALPH BEVER, was., WILLIAM ISAAC RATKA, was., SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., all awaiting Federal Indictment for bank robbery, together with CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was., and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was., brothers, presently under sentence of 75 years each, for violation of the Kidnaping Act. All five subjects escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6:15 PM, 2-12-43, after slugging guards and locking three prisoners, guards, and matron in cells. U.S. Attorney, Cincinnati, authorized prosecution of all five subjects for violation of Section 753 H, Title 18, U.S.C.A. Complaint filed, warrant issued by U.S. Commissioner, non-rated U.S. Marshal all on 2-13-43. Criminal records, family background and method of operation of subjects are set out.

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DETAILS:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent HERMIT L. WESTMAN, dated 12-14-42, made at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the case entitled, "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC HEDLEY, was., FUGITIVE; EARL RALPH BOWEN, was., FUGITIVE; Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42"; with the character, "BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT."

For the information of all offices of the Bureau in the Continental United States, it should be noted that SAMUEL RICKETTS, EARL BOWEN and WILLIAM HEDLEY, prior to their arrest at St. Paul, Minnesota, on 11-23-42, were known as desperate criminals and had, previous to this, been engaged in robberies which may have extended over the entire United States.

Subject BOWEN was arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, after shooting a United States soldier in uniform without provocation. These three subjects are known to have acquired their weapons which were all confiscated and are presently in the possession of this office, through the means of burglarizing hardware stores in Cincinnati and other cities. CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS, brothers, who were convicted for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Act and sentenced to serve 75 years in a Federal Penitentiary, are known to be without scruples and probably just as dangerous as the former three. The PARSONS brothers, however, subsequent to their arrest, feigned insanity; however, were found legally sane and convicted.

It should also be noted that in view of the desperation of all five subjects, all investigative leads that are presently set out in the case entitled EARL RALPH BOWEN, WILLIAM ISAAC HEDLEY, SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942, and leads set out in this report, should be conducted in the greatest expeditious manner. Exercise the greatest of caution in apprehension of any of the five subjects.

This report is a joint review of the file and investigation by Special Agents L. ALFRED OBERSTEIN, PAUL H. HOFFER, and the writer.

Assistant United States Attorney VERN H. WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio, when apprised of the escape of the five subjects in this case, authorized prosecution of all five subjects under section 753 H, Title 18, U.S.C., which section covers both subjects who have been committed to the custody of the Attorney General and those

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who have been lawfully arrested by any officer of the United States or committed to an institution for safekeeping by the United States Commissioner.

Complaint filed and warrant issued before United States Commissioner J. PALLANOGHEGAN charging all five subjects with willfully, unlawfully, feloniously escaping from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, at about 5:15 PM, February 12, 1943, by forcing their escape and doing bodily harm to guards of the Hamilton County Jail, after having been committed to that institution as Federal prisoners under due process of law.

Alias warrants were obtained. Warrants non-ested, United States Marshal, February 13, 1943, copies of which are being retained in subject's file.

The following was dictated by Special Agent DONALD S. OTTO:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

The following information was related by JAMES G. BEHLE, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio, who advised that the subjects were incarcerated in the south block, east range of the Hamilton County Jail.

At approximately 5:30 P.M. on February 12, 1943, the subjects called for a guard and complained that the plumbing in their cells was overflowing, and flooded their cell; a colored trusty gave a mop to one of the subjects and called ALBERT KREUBER, Deputy Sheriff, who was in charge of the south block, east range, who secured a mop bucket and opened the main cell gate of the south block, east range, which in turn, unlocked the individual cells occupied by the subjects and they immediately rushed him and pulled him into the cell, locked the same and removed his keys from his person. (1)

Two of the subjects remained at the cell to guard Deputy Sheriff KREUBER and the others proceeded to the north cell block and overpowered JAMES DOBBS, Deputy Sheriff, who was in charge of the north cell block and they brought him to the same cell occupied by Deputy KREUBER and locked him in that cell with KREUBER. Two of the subjects remained at this cell as guards, and the remaining three subjects proceeded to the kitchen and prepared to cook a meal as the five subjects had openly discussed the plan to force Deputy Sheriff DOBBS to carry a tray to the main cell gate and to inform Deputy Sheriff BENNETT LYNN that his dinner was prepared (2)

and have him open the main cell gate and overpower him. Subjects abandoned this plan and placed three guards at the main cell gate and several minutes later, Deputy Sheriff DENNIS RYAN opened the main cell gate and the three subjects overpowered him and beat him up. After DENNIS RYAN had received treatment for shock and facial injuries, he stated that he had opened the main cell gate when he had heard someone kick on it. He then proceeded to the main cell gate and opened it and it was that time, that the three subjects overpowered him.

Deputy Sheriff DENNIS RYAN stated that the three subjects used the following weapons: a roller from a mop bucket, a handle from a cell shower which had been filed to a point at one end, and a long piece of heavy wire which also had been filed to a sharp point at one end.

One subject remained with Deputy Sheriff RYAN and two of the subjects, names not known, then proceeded across the main office and encountered CLAUDE HOLL, Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office, and then forcibly placed him in an isolation cell. One of the subjects remained as a guard and the other subject proceeded to the next floor above, and overpowered Mrs. MARJANET STEPHENS, grabbed her, and pulled her downstairs and placed her in the same cell occupied by CLAUDE HOLL. The subjects removed the keys from CLAUDE HOLL and from DENNIS RYAN. It should be noted, however, that they did not attempt to remove any guns from the gun vault, or from any of the deputies.

At this time, one of the subjects again struck DENNIS RYAN, who fell to the floor and is unable to recall anything that happened after that, except he remembers that the subjects got into the elevator. It is noted that the elevator is immediately outside the main cell gate. It is indicated that the subjects took the elevator to the fourth floor and in a hall on the fourth floor, they encountered WILLIAM V. KELLY, Draftsman of the County Planning Commission Office, and asked him how they could get out of the building and he replied by asking them what they were doing in the building; subjects then forced him to show them the way to the first floor and while on the first floor, an open window was observed whereupon, two of the subjects struck Mr. KELLY several times, and the subjects then jumped out of the window on to the engineer's garage, and hung over the garage and dropped approximately 25 feet to the ground. It is believed that this happened at approximately 5:00 P.M.

The following was dictated by Special Agent J. L. E. HENNING.

Apparently, then the subjects ran to the intersection of Main Street and Central Parkway, which is at the northwest corner of the Hamilton County, Ohio, Court House, from which the men had just escaped. Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE H. HANN, 2105 Lawn Avenue, Norwood, had stopped at the Main Street and Central Parkway intersection for a red light. When the light turned to green, Mr. HANN proceeded across the intersection when three men ran out in front of the car and stopped him. Mr. HANN was driving a 1935 Ford DeLuxe, four door sedan, bearing 1942 license 740 PA, and motor number 18-2141324. When the car was stopped, a subject opened the door and climbed in over Mrs. HANN and another subject opened the opposite door and dragged Mr. HANN out of the car. Mr. and Mrs. HANN related that they positively knew that four men got into the car and they believe that there were five in all. Such incident happened between 6:00 and 6:15 P.M. The subjects then took possession of the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. HANN and it is believed they proceeded in an easterly direction toward Reading Road.

Mrs. HANN then went to a nearby store and telephoned the Cincinnati Police. Neither Mr. Hann nor Mrs. Hann were harmed. It is noted that their car did not have very much gasoline in it.

At approximately 7:15 P.M., Cincinnati, Ohio Police radio station W.H.D.U. announced that the 1935 Ford bearing 1942 Ohio license 740 PA was believed to have been seen on Reading Road near Forest Avenue.

At approximately 8:40 P.M., Cincinnati Police radio station W.H.D.U. announced that the 1935 Ford Sedan had been abandoned on Burton Avenue in Avondale and that a gray 1941 Chevrolet Sedan had been stolen from the driveway at 378 N. Crescent Avenue in Avondale, Cincinnati, at approximately 8:15 P.M. Such car belonged to WILLIAM BOHLEN who lives at 378 North Crescent Avenue. Such automobile had 1942 Ohio license 47 SH. It is noted that the 1935 Ford was found abandoned in the immediate vicinity of where the 1941 sedan was stolen.

Soon thereafter, Cincinnati Police broadcasted that the 1941 Chevrolet Sedan was seen in Eden Park. The next broadcast indicated that such automobile had been wrecked in the rear of the greenhouse located in Eden Park and that two men, presumably the PARSONS brothers, had escaped down the hill.

Captain WILLIAM L. BRADSHAW of the Hamilton County Police, later advised that Patrolman GEORGE HENNING had pursued the

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1941 Chevrolet through Eden Park. Patrolman GLENN HENRY, according to Captain WIGGINGTON, had shot at the car, but had been unable to capture the two subjects in the car. Thereafter the Cincinnati Police broadcasted that there was a blockade around Eden Park to prevent the escape of the subjects, but the subjects were not apprehended.

Chief Deputy Sheriff JOHN BEHLE produced correspondence of subject HICKETS which indicated that he had recently received a valentine card from "L. HICKETS, 3825 Central Street, Kansas City, Missouri". Such greeting card was signed, "He". There was another letter with the return address as 2711 Piery or Peery Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Such letter was signed, "THERIA C. L. H. L. Y". There was also another valentine card to the subject HICKETS and it was signed "HOI and JUNKIE" which was postmarked Kansas City, Missouri.

Chief Deputy Sheriff BEHLE produced the correspondence of subject CLEVENGER which indicated that he had received a valentine card from LEO B. KIMBLE, 417 East Seventh Street, Manchester, Ohio. There was another valentine greeting which was signed, "GOME" which had been postmarked, Cincinnati, Ohio. There was no return address on such card. There was a piece of paper with the following address: "Private LEMUEL KIMBLE, Company C, 729 Military Police, Ft. Benjamin Harrison."

Chief Deputy Sheriff BEHLE advised that THOMAS BEVER had sent a letter to subject BEVER which was postmarked February 11, 1943, 4:00 P.M., Kansas City, Missouri. In the letter, the writer indicated that he intended to secure a job at the Lake City War Plant and that he had recently had an interview with a man from Hamilton, Mass. The writer also indicated that he had not seen CLEVENGER in a long time, but that he would try to see him soon. The writer had dated the letter with love from L. A. H. and T. O. H. and it was signed "G. E. B.". The return address on the letter was 3424 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Prisoner J. R. L. HOFER, who occupied cell 18, the adjoining cell of subject CLEVENGER, stated that he was reading a magazine when he heard the scuffle in the hall. According to HOFER this was the first indication that he had of the jail break. After the subjects had gotten out of their cells, subject BEVER forcibly placed HOFER in a cell with Prisoners T. L. S. and D. E. C. D. L. O. S. T. H. E. S. These three were locked in the cell, and

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were not invited to join in the break, according to PC. WFO. WFO insisted that he had no prior knowledge of any planned jail break by the subjects. He stated that he had never been consulted concerning any contemplated jail break. He related, however, that he had observed on January 12, 1943, that the five subjects had conversed together quite frequently.

Chief Deputy Sheriff JOHN FENNEL advised that a brown Dobbs hat size 7 1/4, was found in the intersection at Central Parkway and Main Streets, which had apparently been lost by one of the subjects in taking the 1935 Ford from owner FISH between 6:00 and 6:15 P.M. Such hat had the label of "Harbert W. White, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota" in it. According to Deputy FENNEL, such hat had spots of blood on the lining and presumably it belonged to subject FEVAK.

CHARLES JENSEN, Assistant Warden, Hamilton County Jail, advised that no record of visitors is maintained at the county jail office, except the office records did reveal that on January 7, 1943, RACHEL KICKETTS visited her husband SAMUEL KICKETTS, one of the subjects, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. that day, and CHARLES JENSEN further advised that she had visited her husband on one other occasion, approximately two or three weeks before that date. He further advised that on January 7, 1943, Subject RALPH FEVAK was visited by his brother THOMAS L. FEVAK from 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., and Mr. JENSEN also advised that THOMAS L. FEVAK visited his brother the following day. The following is a record of persons who visited CHARLES and RUTH KICKETT with the permission, by letter, from WILLIAM H. WILSON, Assistant United States Attorney:

December 11, 1942, Mother of Robert, no name given.  
December 30, 1942, Mrs. L. P. S. S., mother.  
December 30, 1942, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT, LEO KICKETT, and DONALD KICKETT.  
January 1, 1943, LEO KICKETT, DONALD KICKETT.  
January 7, 1943, SAMUEL KICKETT and CHARLES KICKETT.  
January 13, 1943, LUTHER KICKETT, VIRGINIA KICKETT.  
January 14, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and VIRGINIA KICKETT.  
January 23, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and VIRGINIA KICKETT (3 yrs. old).  
January 28, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and Mrs. VIRGINIA KICKETT.  
February 6, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT and her three children, SAMUEL, WILLIAM and VIRGINIA.  
February 9, 1943, Mrs. LUTHER KICKETT, Mrs. VIRGINIA KICKETT.



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INFORMATION CONCERNING HENRY ELIAS REYER

He was born on a farm near Hill Grove, Missouri on September 13, 1915 and finished two years of high school education at the West Junior High School at Kansas City, Kansas. He is described as:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Age        | 26   |
| Height     | 5'9 1/2"   |
| Weight     | 175 pounds   |
| Hair       | Light red - wavy   |
| Eyes       | Dark Green, wearing rimless glasses  |
| Complexion | Fair   |
| Build      | Slender  |
| Occupation | Clerk  |
| Scars      | A 2 inch scar at 45 degree on upper lip to right of nose.  |
| Teeth      | Teeth - On gold crown upper right; left center upper - false. Scars a ruby ring on left ring finger.   |
| Relatives: | JOHN REYER, Father, aged 51, Carpenter by trade.<br>ELIZABETH REYER nee GIBBS, mother, aged 49, residing at 115 E. 33rd St., Kansas City, Kansas.<br>EDWARD REYER, ELDER, 29 years of age, brother, employed Post Office, Kansas City, Kansas; last known address - 5422 Harrison St., Kansas City, Kansas; formerly, 27th & Harrison Streets, Kansas City, Kansas.<br>ROBERT REYER, 20 years of age, single, present, serving in U.S. Army since April, 1941. |

Former places of

Employment: Martin's Office, 219 W. 47th St., Kansas City, Kansas.  
 H. Reich & Sons Produce House, Kansas City, Kansas, address unknown, as a laborer, starting in 1936;  
 Ruhlrich Hotel, 12th & Baltimore Streets, Kansas City, Kansas, off and on during 1938 to 1941, as bell-hop and porter's desk.

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Subject BAKER enlisted in the United States Army February 23, 1942, and was inducted at St. Louis, Missouri and was sent to Camp Bitters, Mineral Wells, Texas, on March 2, 1942. He was transferred to Ft. Benning, Georgia on August 1, 1942, from where he deserted on August 7, 1942, and is presently a deserter.

BAKER arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 23, 1942 when he resided at the Empor Home Hotel, until August 30, 1942. He left Cincinnati on one occasion and returned in the early part of October, 1942, and was in Cincinnati, and identified as one of the three subjects who took part in the robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942. Subject BAKER was arrested by Captain CLAYTON HOLSEBY and a squad of men by the Minneapolis Police Department on the evening of November 25, 1942 after Subject BAKER had shot a soldier in the United States Army in full uniform, through the lower jaw. He was turned over to Federal authorities at St. Paul, Minnesota and removed to the Southern District of Ohio where he was awaiting prosecution for violation of the Bank Robbery Act. Case presented to Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 10, 1943; indictment as yet has not been returned.

Following is a criminal record of Subject BAKER, FBI number 2413512:

St. Louis, Mo. Kansas City, Missouri, as HARRY L. BAKER #37095, 3-29-41, charge, investigation; released 3-31-41.

San Bernardino, California, as HARRY L. BAKER, #28006, on 8-13-41, charge - possession of deadly weapon, disposition - \$100. fine or 75 days;

San Bernardino, California, as HARRY L. BAKER, #7194, 8-17-41, charge - P.C. & A.P.C., disposition, 150. or 75 days.

St. Louis, Missouri, as HARRY L. BAKER, #37095, 2-8-42, charge - investigation, disposition - 2-9-42, released, Ch. of Det.

Department, Washington, D.C. as HARRY L. BAKER, #17045348, charge - investigation;

Minneapolis, Minnesota, as HARRY L. BAKER, #34365, 11-24-42, charge - investigation; disposition - 12-1-42, released to St. Paul, Minnesota for prosecution.

St. Paul, Minnesota, as HARRY L. BAKER, #35117, 11-24-42, charge, suspicion of robbery;

U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, as HARRY L. BAKER, #5442, on

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12-4-42, charge - National Bank Robbery, Disposition - Held in County Jail in default of \$25,000 bond, removal to Cincinnati, Ohio.

P.D., Cincinnati, Ohio, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN #41623, (prt received 1-11-43), charge Bank Robbery, (held by U.S. Marshal).

U.S. Marshal, Cincinnati, Ohio, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN, 11-24-42, Bank Robbery, no disposition.

#13096, P.O. Terre Haute, Indiana, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN, 9-23-42, U. S. Army Disbar; 9-24-42, returned to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ontario, California, August, 1940; charge - assault; \$150 fine and 90 days County Jail (as in prt. #35117).

Contributor - Bureau Field Division, St. Paul, Minnesota, as HARRY ALFRED BRYAN, #34805, P.D., Minneapolis, Minnesota on 12-21-42, charge - investigation.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING CATHOLICISM

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| born            | December 30, 1914   |
|                 | at Atchison, Kansas   |
|                 | (Until the age of 14, was inmate of the Federal House for Juvenile Delinquents at Independence, Missouri, where he was put by his father. |
| Age             | 28  |
| Weight          | 145 pounds  |
| Height          | 5'11"   |
| Eyes            | Black   |
| Hair            | Black   |
| Complexion      | Fair  |
| Build           | Slender   |
| Characteristics | - long narrow, smoke cigarettes incessantly.  |
| Tenure          | Good  |
| Scars or marks  | None  |
| Arrested        | Several times.  |

Subject BRYAN has also been identified as one of three subjects taking part in the bank robbery as was previous subject BRYAN.

Subject BRYAN is known as subject BRYAN.

1. Gary - CHAS. BRYAN, 10 years old 12 years.  
2. Gary, JIM BRYAN, 10 years old 12 years, residing 3020 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri; brother - HARRY BRYAN, aged 40, married, unknown, playing at Webster Hotel, Kansas City, Kansas.

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Sister - Mrs. VILMA BLUMBERG, aged 39, address - unknown, but residing in Kansas City, Kansas; sister, Mrs. LETH HOLLOMAN, wife of ALBERT HOLLOMAN, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, address - unknown.  
 Sister - DOLORES BRIGHT, wife of JAMES BRIGHT, residing at Kansas City, Missouri, further address, unknown;  
 Sister - STELLA BARK, wife of ROBERT BARK, residing at 1324 Westport Street, Kansas City, Missouri.  
 Wife - K. G. GILLOM, residing 2619 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, who has been separated from subject BRIGHT since June, 1941. She is employed at Noble's Cafe, 12th Street and Main, Kansas City, Missouri;

CRIMINAL RECORD OF SUBJECT - BRIGHT

API #1406200

|                        |                           |          |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Adm. No. City          | Samuel Richards           | 3-17-38  | Burg. 7-22-39, 30 days    |
| Id.                    | #27154                    |          | So. Jail                  |
| SO, Kansas City        | Samuel Richards           | 3-17-38  | Burg. & 4-28-38, burg.    |
| Id.                    | #6505                     |          | here. chgs. red. to       |
|                        |                           |          | 2 chgs. P. L. - 30        |
|                        |                           |          | days Co. jail.            |
| PD Kansas City         | Sam Richards              | 9-6-39   | Inv. burg. 10-2-39,       |
|                        | #27154                    |          | here. 6 mos. Co.          |
|                        |                           |          | Jail, Crim. Ct.           |
| SO, Kansas City        | Sam Richards              | 9-6-39   | P.P. 10-2-39, 6 mos.      |
| Id.                    | #6505                     |          | So. Jail, Jail            |
|                        |                           |          | time allowed              |
| Ad, Kansas City, Mo.   | Samuel Richards, 11-30-40 |          | Inv. 11-7-40, red.        |
|                        | #27154                    |          |                           |
| PD, Minneapolis,       | Samuel Richards           | 11-24-42 | Inv. So. notation         |
| Id.                    | #52804                    |          |                           |
| PD, St. Paul, Minn.    | Samuel Richards           | 11-24-42 | Sup. of                   |
|                        | #35112                    |          | robbery                   |
| U.S. Marshal, St. Paul | Samuel Richards           | 12-1-42  | U.S. Marshal Bank hold in |
| Id.                    | #52804                    |          | robbery Kansas Co.        |
|                        |                           |          | jail in D.S.              |
|                        |                           |          | 25,000                    |
|                        |                           |          | bond (for                 |
|                        |                           |          | removal to                |
|                        |                           |          | Cincinnati,               |
|                        |                           |          | Ohio.)                    |
| SO, Cincinnati, Ohio   | Samuel Richards           | 11-24-42 | bank robbery              |
|                        |                           |          |                           |

Adm. No. Kansas City, Mo., 1935 Shoplifting, 30 days  
 So. Jail.

—, Kansas City, Mo., 1937, Inv. Murder; rel.  
 —, Kansas City, Mo., 1938, Poss. of Stolen Property,  
 6 mos. C. Jail.  
 12-1-42, #3484, Home Admits, PD Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Rel. to St. Paul, Minn., PD for questioning. To be  
 taken into custody by the Federal Author., St. Paul  
 to answer a charge of bank robbery at Cincinnati,  
 Ohio.

RELATIVES

JOHN BAKING COMPANY, Omaha, Nebraska, one year, as baker's helper.  
 Over Baking Company, William Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 5 years,  
 as helper and baker.  
 Graham Baking Company, 11th & Virginia Streets, Kansas City, Missouri,  
 1 year as baker.  
 Santa Baking Company, 5th and Oakley Streets, Kansas City, Missouri,  
 1 year.  
 Crystal Baking Company, Sixth, Seventh & Tracy Streets, Kansas City,  
 Missouri, and as a member of Santa Union #213, 14th & Woodland Streets,  
 Kansas City, Missouri

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Birth      | Kansas City, Kansas,   |
|            | September 24, 1911   |
| Age        | 31   |
| Height     | 5'7"   |
| Weight     | 130 to 135 pounds  |
| Build      | Slim   |
| Hair       | Dark brown - wavy  |
| Eyes       | Brown  |
| Complexion | Medium to dark   |
| Scars      | 3/4" diagonal cut scar, center of<br>left hand, 1 inch circular scar on<br>back of left hand, but cut scar on<br>left palm; 10 back shots in body<br>since March 6, 1935, four of which<br>are lodged under skin of chest. |
| Where born | 9th grade, St. John Baptist school,<br>North Fourth Street, Kansas City, Kansas  |

Relatives:

Father - BENJAMIN BAKING, deceased since 1913; mother - MARY BAKING THOMAS-  
 BAKING, 510 Splitler, Kansas City, Kansas. Married 24 years ago to  
 BENJAMIN BAKING. Upon death of father, was placed in St. Vincent's

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Mark for Childs met Lawrence, Kansas. At the age of 14, he was adopted by foster parents, LILL and ISAC MARK, no relatives to his true father, residing at 250 North Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Brother - JOSEPH MARK, aged 36, invalid, residing with his mother. Sister - Mrs. ANNE WELLS, aged 26, wife of JOHN WELLS, a former night-night boxer, residing 600 block, Orville Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Step-sister, ELIZABETH THOMAS, aged 19, residing with his foster-mother; Step-brother, FRANK THOMAS, aged 22, presently in the United States Army,

#### EMPLOYMENT

1927 - 1928, Culahy Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas, superintendent - HARRY SCHLOSS.

1928 to 1929 - Fairfax Airport, Kansas City, Kansas;

Spring of 1928 to December 5, 1931, Armour Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas, Foreman - JAMES THOMAS.

Oliver's Furniture Store, 900 block, Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, December 21 to December 27, 1940; Kansas City Structural Steel Company, 21st Street, and Metropolitan Garage, Kansas City, Kansas, December 28, 1940 to December 15, 1941 under foreman LARRY HOLLAND.

The records of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department reflect that there are presently three cases pending against subject MARK, two for robbery, first degree, and for assault and intent to rob, and also wanted for jumping bond for \$10,000 in connection with the above cases; also wanted for questioning of unsolved robberies occurring there during 1942 which all bore the method of operation of Subject MARK. Subject identified as one of three subjects, along with subjects THOMAS and WELLS, as taking part in the bank robbery of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1942.

Upon arrest by Captain CLARENCE MCLELLY of the Minneapolis Police Department, Subject MARK jumped out of a hotel window in trying to effect an escape, but broke his left arm and knocked himself unconscious which caused his arrest.

#### ALL TEL. DOWNS ON SUBJECT MARK

FBI # 911699

|                       |              |          |                 |         |
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| FD, Kansas City, Kans | WILLIAM T. C | 4-15-31  | highway robbery | rel.    |
|                       | MARK, #4791  |          |                 | 4-16-31 |
| Arrested on Jail      | WILLIAM T. C | 11-10-31 | highway robbery |         |
| Kansas City, Kans.    | #4791        |          |                 |         |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| St. Ind. of<br>Hutchinson, Kansas | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #9950  | 1-17-32  | highway robbery       | 10-21 yrs.   |
| PD, Topeka, Kans.                 | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #3275  | 4-5-35   | Highway Robb.         |  |
| SO, Topeka, Kans.                 | WILLIAM I. LADLEY        | 4-5-35   | Highway robb.         |  |
| PD, Kans. City, Mo.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #23080 | 4-12-35  | robb.                 |  |
| SO, Kans. City, Mo.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #2718  | 4-13-35  | Robb. 1st             |  |
| SP, Jefferson City, Mo.           | WILLIAM I. LADLEY        | 6-4-35   | robb. 1st             | 10 yrs.  |
| PD, Kans. City, Mo.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #23080 | 12-18-41 | Inv.                  |  |
| SO, Kansas City, Mo.              | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #2718  | 12-17-41 | rob. 1st 4 chgs.      |  |
| PD, Minneapolis, Minn.            | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #—     | 11-24-42 | Inv.                  |  |
| PD, St. Paul, Minn.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #35116 | 11-24-42 | Chasp. of robb.       |  |
| UT, St. Paul, Minn.               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #5444  | 12-4-42  | National Bank Robbery | Held in<br>Hansley Co.<br>Jail in<br>def.<br>\$25,000 bail<br>(for removal<br>to Cincinnati, O.) |
| UT Cincinnati, Ohio               | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #—     | 11-23-42 | Bank robbery          |  |
| PD, Cincinnati, Ohio              | WILLIAM I. LADLEY #41524 | 11-23-42 | bank robbery          |  |

The juvenile arrests at Kansas City, Mo.  
credits to first police arrests at Kansas City, Mo.  
MAILED: re WILLIAM LADLEY for escape (date not  
shown).

Notify PD, Kansas City, Mo., per inf. rec. their  
bull. of 3/18/35. In custody per print #46497, St. Jef-  
ferson City, Mo.

\* WANTED: As WILLIAM ISAC LADKAY, for jumping bond  
(rob. 1st 4 chgs.) Notify SO, Kansas City, Mo.  
6-29-42. In custody per prt. #—, PD, Minneapolis,  
Minn.

\* SAM LADKAY, Kans City, Mo., arrested on robbery offense,  
Fori. \$10,000 bond.

\* Kansas City, Kansas, 1931, robbery, 10 - 21 yrs. Hutchinson  
Arrested 10-31-40.

\* 1935, Kansas City, robbery, 10 yrs. Mo. S. Prison, Parole  
10-21-40. (as app. on prt. #35116)

WANTED BY BUREAU: As WILLIAM ISAC LADKAY, W. A.,  
WILLIAM LADKAY, WILLIAM LADKAY, WILLIAM LADKAY, for  
viol. of Law. Notify BPD, Kansas City, Mo., their file  
#25-9000, per inf. rec. therefrom 10-8-42, Bu. file 26-51773.

For the information of all offices receiving copies of  
this report, the following is a brief outline of the method of oper-  
ation of the three subjects, LADKAY, LADKAY and LADKAY:

They are known almost without exception in committing  
robberies, to select for their victims individuals such as gambling es-  
tablishments with a psychology in mind, that these persons will be  
reluctant in filing complaints in that they receive their money through  
illegal means. They are also known to steal automobiles and hide them out,  
particularly the one automobile that they use in committing their rob-  
beries. They will also steal another automobile just prior to the rob-  
bery which is actually used in the get-away. However, the first car  
stolen is the one that is used in the eventual get-away.

They will also steal license plates and have been known  
to have a front plate with numerals different from that of the rear  
plate; however, both being from the same State issue. They are known  
to burglarize hardware stores and usually acquire guns of large calibers  
such as shot guns and rifles. They will in each instance saw the barrels  
and stocks off the shot guns and place black tape around the butt of the  
stock. Guns were found secreted in a brown leather golf bag, other guns  
were found in their personal effects and on their persons at the time of  
the arrest. License plates will be found secreted under the rear seat  
of any automobile found in their possession. They will also rent a  
garage, purchase their own lock for this garage, and the keys to this



lack will usually be found in their possession. It should also be noted that Subject LITKIN appears to be the leader and motivates the actions of the other two subjects. They are prone to associate themselves with respectable lady friends and will usually engage in correspondence with them. They are prone to buy nick-nack presents for these lady friends and forward them by mail. They have also been known to telegraph their lady friends as to when they will appear in a particular city and are also known to have reservations made for them in different hotels by contacts such as in the case at St. Paul, it was done by a member of the Carlos Molina Orchestra. They are also prone to boast about their activities. They are all inclined to buy Florsheim shoes and wear the finest clothes and subjects LITKIN and NYMAN are particularly attached to wearing a suit which appears very flashy, usually containing a pin stripe. All three subjects are known to have good taste and will be found associating with most respectable people and have in the past, represented themselves as being connected with the moving picture industry, salesmen of different types, etc.

They are habitual frequenters of night clubs and possess a particular fancy for having their photograph taken with lady friends. This has been found to be true almost without exception.

They are also known to ask friends with members of tip-tine orchestras and will usually entertain the orchestras or vice-versa.

It should also be noted that the records as to visitors and mail received by inmates of the Hamilton County Jail, are inadequate and failed to reflect in detail, any possible visitors or correspondence that may have been had with the five subjects in this case with the exception of a few occasions.

REGARDING ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS AND CLARENCE A. PARSONS

CLARENCE A. PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS were found guilty by Federal Jury in the United States District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 23, 1942, on a charge of kidnaping, and both were sentenced on this same date to serve 75 years each to the custody of the Attorney General.

During the investigation of this kidnaping case it was developed that both subjects had associated with one DORIS GRIMSLEY of 417 East Seventh Street, Manchester, Ohio, and that this person had also sent to the PARSONS brothers a valentine for Valentine's Day, February 1943. During the trial of the subjects' case both DORIS GRIMSLEY and her mother, also of Manchester, Ohio, exhibited a great degree of friendliness toward both subjects.

It was determined from Mr. JENNIS RYAN, turnkey at the Hamilton County Jail, that ARTHUR PARSONS had been writing letters on an average of two or three times a week to a girl in Cincinnati, Ohio, named "NOLA". He believed her address was 326 East Fourth Street, that she resides next door to Christ Church. He stated that he has read one or two of these letters and that PARSONS had told this girl, NOLA, that he expects to receive a sentence of 20 years on this kidnaping charge and that if she is willing to wait for him, he will marry her after being released from jail.

It was also ascertained from JIM SULLIVAN, turnkey at the Hamilton County Jail, that CLARENCE PARSONS was writing to a girl by the name of NORA SHANKS who resides at 530 Fourth Street, Cincinnati. This is apparently the same person as the NOLA that ARTHUR is writing to. NORA SHANKS was interviewed at which time she advised that she met CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS two weeks before their apprehension on August 31, 1942, and that she kept steady company with these two boys until the time they were apprehended. She advised that she had been corresponding with CLARENCE PARSONS while he was incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail, although he had never mentioned to her anything about instant case. She stated that her girl friend, LARA KEITH, who is presently working at the Crosley Defense Plant had dated ARTHUR PARSONS.

LARA KEITH resides at 842 Scott Street, Covington, Kentucky, and her telephone number is HENlock 4000. She likewise admitted corresponding with ARTHUR PARSONS.

These contacts were made during the investigation of the kidnaping violation and leads are being set out to interview these two girls for the purpose of obtaining information that may assist in locating the subjects.

The PARSONS brothers were known to associate with ELEANOR CORBETT and BETTY CORBETT who reside at the Buckingham Apartments,

Chalfonte Place and Reading Road in Cincinnati, and ELEANOR CORBETT testified in behalf of the subjects at their trial. Leads are being set out to contact these girls for information that may assist in the location of the subjects.

Subjects' sister, RUTH KENNETT, otherwise known as GOLDIE KENNETT, resides with her husband, TOM KENNETT in Addyston, Ohio. This sister is very friendly towards the subjects and would no doubt harbor them should they come to her for assistance.

The subjects' mother, Mrs. HENRY ELLYN PARSONS, resides on W. . . D. #23, just off Broadway Street in Parkersburg, West Virginia. She is extremely sympathetic towards the subjects and will no doubt assist them should they contact her.

The PARSONS brothers have a sister, Mrs. FRANCES CHICKENBERRY, 431 - 52nd Street, West New York, New Jersey. Another sister, VIRGINIA GALT, is believed to be residing at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

A description of Subject CLARENCE A. PARSONS, as revealed by his Army Service Record, is as follows:

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Born:            | 7/3/19 at Vanceburg, Ky. |
| Height:          | 5'9 1/2"                 |
| Weight:          | 163 lbs.                 |
| Hair:            | Brown                    |
| Marital Status:  | Single                   |
| Army Serial No.: | 15,058,595               |
| FDI Number       | 2135406                  |

A description of Subject ARTHUR WYNNORKE PARSONS, as reflected by his Army Service Record, is as follows:

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Born:            | 5/11/18 at Ravenswood, W. Va. |
| Height:          | 5'9"                          |
| Weight:          | 168 lbs.                      |
| Eyes:            | Blue                          |
| Hair:            | Sandy                         |
| Complexion:      | Fair                          |
| Army Serial No.: | 15,063,700                    |
| FDI Number       | 18579011                      |

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ORIGINAL RECORD OF ARTHUR L. PARSONS

FBI #1759011

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #4014, arrested by PD, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 10-9-34; charge, B. E. and L.; disposition, sent to Ind. Sch. Pruntytown, W. Va.

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #B. & O. D-712, arrested by B. and O. R.R. Co., Parkersburg, West Virginia, on 5-7-39; charge, train riding; disposition, 15 days, Wood Co. Jail, Parkersburg, W. Va.

As Arthur Parsons, arrested by S.O., Parkersburg, West Virginia, on 9-29-39; charge, F.L.; disposition, 6 months, Wood Co. Jail.

As Arthur Raymond Parsons, #15003700, arrested by War Dept., Washington, DC

As Arthur A. Parsons, #15003700, Provost Marshal, Ft. McClellan, Ala.; 4-21-42, guilty of the 61st Article of War; rel. 6-15-42.

As Arthur Parsons, arrested by FBI, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 9-2-42, charge, Kidnaping. Disposition - Sentenced U.S. District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, 11-11-42 to 75 yrs. Custody, Attorney General.

ORIGINAL RECORD OF CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS

FBI #159400

As CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, #B. & O. D-713, arrested by Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co, Parkersburg, W. Va., 5-7-39; charge, train riding; disposition, 15 days in Wood Co. Jail, Parkersburg, W. Va.

As Clarence Parsons, arrested by B. & O., Parkersburg, W. Va., on 9-29-39; charge, F.L.; disposition, 6 months in Wood Co. Jail.

Arrested by War Department, Washington, D.C., as Clarence Albert Parsons, #15003700.

As Clarence Albert Parsons, arrested by FBI, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 9-2-42; charge, Kidnaping. Disposition - Sentenced U.S. District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, 11-11-42 to 75 yrs. custody of Attorney General.

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All offices receiving copies of this report, and who have reports on the cases entitled "WILLIAM ECKHART, was., FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC ANDERSON, was., FUGITIVE; HARRY EDWARD BOWEN, was., FUGITIVE, Avondale Branch Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/31/42"; with the character, "WILLIAM ECKHART, IN FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE, SELECTIVE SERVICE, FUGITIVE FUGITIVE ACT."; and also the case entitled, "CLARENCE ALBERT PARRIS was., ALVIN ELMER PARRIS, was., VIVIAN JENIS - Victim; character, KIDNAPING, IN FLIGHT FROM FUGITIVE ACT", are requested to review their files with a view to developing any information that can be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subjects involved in this case. All relatives and all associates should be contacted and advised of the prosecutive action that will be taken against them if they harbor or assist the fugitives in this case, and seek their cooperation.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Will conduct the necessary investigation to determine whether JAMES HENRY has infiltrated all the present locations of CLM-1001 and JAMES HENRY.

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Will contact D. F. GIBLIN, 417 Broadway and Street,  
and ask whether, for information concerning the location of subject  
GILBERT and subject GIBLIN.

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11. Contact Smith and L. H. GUNN, Reading Road and Challenge Place, to determine whether they are advised of the present location of GUNN and inform Bureau.

Bill contact the subject, 330 Fourth Street, to determine whether the car is of the same make and location of subjects STANLEY and JAMES EARL RAY.

All also received CAROL D'ODONNAN, employed at Roney Friedman Restaurant, Burnett Av and near Rockdale Avenue, in that she has agreed to be of an interview to the Cincinnati office in the above subjects' MATHEW, ALVIN R. and LEONARD attempt to contact her or correspond with her.

Will also keep in close contact with Major HUGHES.

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Chief of Detectives, Cincinnati Police Department, concerning the possible theft of automobiles and automobile plates in Cincinnati subsequent to the escape of the subjects.

Will also maintain contact with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Jailers at the Hamilton County Jail, concerning any information that may come to their attention or any correspondence that may presently be in the mail for the subjects, which have as yet not been received.

AT FURNINGHAM FIELD BUILDING

AT RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA

Will attempt to locate the subjects CLARENCE and ALBERT through their mother, Mrs. WILLIAM PATTERSON, and their sister, Mrs. WILHELMINE PATTERSON.

AT INDEPENDENCE ISLAND IN VIRGINIA

AT RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA

Will interview private WILLIAM KINER, Company C, 12th Infantry, concerning the present whereabouts of subject CLARENCE and other subjects. It is noted that CLARENCE PATTERSON had the above mentioned correspondence with him at the time he was in jail.

AT RICHMOND, WEST VIRGINIA

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Will interview Mr. J. (JACK) L. L. L., at 3029 Central Avenue, the wife of subject L. L. L., concerning the present whereabouts of her husband and the other subjects.

At 2:11 PM, on January 10, 1936, will interview "WILLIAM L. L. L." concerning the present whereabouts of subject L. L. L. whom she has recently visited. Will also attempt to learn concerning the identity of "WILLIAM L. L. L." who she recently sent a letter to subject L. L. L.

Will interview "WILLIAM L. L. L." at 3024 Harrison Street, concerning the present whereabouts of her brother and the other subjects. Will also question him concerning the identity and present whereabouts of "WILLIAM L. L. L.", "WILLIAM L. L. L." and "WILLIAM L. L. L." It

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# UNDEVELOPED LEADS

is noted that these three individuals were mentioned in the recent letter from him to subject WILSON.

Will review report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. ... dated 1-19-43, at Kansas City, and contact all known relatives of the three bank robbery subjects; will also contact appropriate law enforcement agencies and advise them of the fact that these subjects have caused their escape.

## ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

WILLIAM B. ...

Will attempt to obtain information concerning the location of subjects WILSON and ... through an investigation of their sister, Mrs. ... 431 - 52nd Street.

## ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

WILLIAM B. ...

Will review their ... and cover all logical leads ... St. Louis ... in previous investigations as to contacts and ... of subjects ... and ... of the fact that the subjects have caused their escape ...

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1943

KRM:MP

76-9296

Call: 10:15 A.M.

Dictated: 10:25 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: SAMUEL BICKERTON, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1870  
 WILLIAM ISAAC PADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1871  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1869  
 CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
 NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

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The following is a summary of recent developments in this case at Kansas City, Missouri, where the subjects have been placed from Thursday evening, February 25, 1943, until 2:30 A.M. this morning. This information was obtained from Kansas City teletype dated February 26, 1943, and a telephone conversation with Acting SAC W. C. Miller.

The subjects are known to have held up and robbed on several occasions a Mr. Gibson who operates Harris Gardens, a beer joint at Kansas City. Gibson usually carries a large amount of money since he does a big business with defense workers and makes a point of cashing their checks. Thursday night a man later identified as Padkay went to the front door of Gibson's home and asked to talk to Gibson. The latter's wife told him Gibson was at Harris Gardens but this individual stated he was "too hot" to go there. Mrs. Gibson phoned the Police Department regarding this incident and local officers accompanied by Special Agent Harold L. Scott of the Kansas City Field Office interviewed her at 2:00 A.M. at which time she identified Padkay's photograph.

About 4:30 P.M. on Friday an individual later identified as Subject Bever called at the home of James L. Smith, 1817 Pendleton Street, Kansas City, Missouri. When Smith, a known contact of Bever, returned to his home, he reported this matter to the Kansas City Police Department and Detective Rex Willis and Special Agent Harold L. Scott of the Kansas City Office proceeded to Smith's home immediately. While they were in Smith's house conducting a routine interview with him, three individuals believed to be the subjects drove up in front of Smith's home in a 1934 green-colored roadster coupe. An individual got out of this car and approached the door but did not enter. Instead he evidently became suspicious and went back to the car. Agent Scott and Detective Willis decided it would be foolish to try to take the subjects alone at this time and Willis phoned the Kansas City Police Dispatcher for assistance. A squad car nearby proceeded toward Smith's home but was sighted by the subjects when it was about a block away. During their flight however, the subjects crashed their car into the automobile parked in



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front of the Smith home by Detective Willis and lost control of their car running it into a tree. This was about 7:30 P.M. last night and they fled on foot under cover of darkness. An intensive search in the neighborhood by Bureau Agents and local police failed to locate them but it was ascertained that a 1940 Pontiac Maroon Colored Coupe, bearing current Missouri license plate #716908, was stolen in this immediate neighborhood about 45 minutes after the subjects' flight and they are believed to have stolen this car.

The car which the subjects crashed into a tree was examined and it was found to bear Motor #8-93142, Serial #37-2827, and to have one current Missouri license plate #453-818 and one 1943 Missouri license plate #453-028. As the Police Squad car approached the scene and during the subjects' flight, the Police fired several shots at them. Examination of instant car reflected 4 shots struck on its left side but did not penetrate the car. In the car an envelope was found bearing two x-ray photographs of feet. These bore a notation on the envelope as follows:

"Referred by Dr. Oscar Bloch, M.D., 2-22-43, fracture of right heel."

The American Medical Directory reflects the following addresses for Dr. Oscar Edgeworth Bloch: Residence, 1953 Bardstown Road, Office 316 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

It should be noted from the above notation and from information already in our possession that the subjects posted a letter at Louisville, Kentucky, on February 17, 1943, and that they were evidently still in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 22, 1943.

In instant car was also found a fireman's coat bearing the name of Captain H. Miller, the date January, 1926, and the number 15538, with a notation that the coat was made at Cincinnati, Ohio, by Lacy and Friedman. Also in the car was a doctor's medical bag with envelopes bearing the name of Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 432 Clark Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. It should be noted here that Dr. Cloyce Wilson is the individual kidnaped and left tied with electric wire in an abandoned house at Cincinnati by the subjects on February 12, 1943, and that at this time one of the subjects was wearing a dark coat with brass buttons described as possibly being a fireman's uniform. Numerous surgical instruments, medicines and the prescription book of Dr. Wilson were also found in the car. Investigation is being conducted in the Louisville and St. Louis Offices concerning the above car and license plates and in the Cincinnati Office in an effort to determine how the subjects obtained the above fireman's coat. Also found in the abandoned car were eight or ten large cans which had been used to carry gasoline and also a hose, evidently used to syphon gas into these cans.

Special Agent Fuller wanted to know whether these cans should be forwarded to the Bureau immediately to be processed for fingerprints but I told him not to do this at the present time since in all probability plenty of latent

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fingerprints could be obtained from the other articles located in the car and further since other information has tied the subjects up with this car. The cans will be held in the Kansas City Office and are not dangerous since no gasoline or fumes are in them at the present time.

A plant is being maintained by Bureau Agents on Ricketts' wife at Kansas City, Missouri. These Agents are staying in her apartment and while she does not appear to be too cooperative, she is allowing this.

At 2:30 A.M. today a local bartender at Kansas City whose name was not immediately available to Special Agent Muller telephoned the Kansas City Office and stated that Bever had phoned him about five minutes prior to this call and requested some money. Bever's call was apparently from a local phone and Bever advised that he wanted this money to use in hiding out in a Negro section of Kansas City, Missouri. This angle is being closely followed by the Kansas City Office at the present time and Special Agent Harold L. Scott is interviewing a Negro night club singer named Julia Lee, who is known to be acquainted with Bever.

Mr. Pennington also talked with Mr. Muller and asked if he had sufficient personnel to handle this matter. Muller stated he did and Mr. Pennington advised him that if it appeared the subjects were about to be taken and that there would be gunfire, the Bureau desired to send in some experienced gunmen. Mr. Muller was also instructed to keep the Bureau fully advised regarding all developments in this case.

This case is presently receiving preferred attention by about twelve Agents of the Kansas City Field Office, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, Police Departments, and the Missouri State Patrol, all of whom are very cooperative with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

  
H. L. Scott.

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Call: 4:35 p.m.

Dictated: 4:40 p.m.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

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SAC Brantley, Kansas City, phoned to advise unless instructed to the contrary he was requesting by teletype all Field Divisions in the Middle West as far east as Cleveland and as far west as Denver, to advise their respective local law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for the 1940 Pontiac, maroon-colored coupe which the subjects are believed to be in possession of at the present time. It will be recalled this car was stolen near the place they were last seen, Kansas City, Missouri, on 2/26/43. The car bore current Missouri license plates #716908 when it was stolen. He stated the local authorities at Kansas City have conducted an intensive search to locate this car but have found no trace of it. Mr. Brantley further requested that 2,000 extra copies of I.O.#1871 on subject Radkay be forwarded to the Kansas City office for distribution to physicians and hospitals since it will be recalled that Radkay has a very painful fracture, right heel, which he obtained at the time of his escape at Cincinnati, Ohio. He had this heel x-rayed on the morning of February 23, 1943 at the Jewish Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, and it is entirely probable that he will again seek treatment for this injury. He was advised at this time that his heel should be put in a plaster cast and Radkay stated he would have this done later at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Mechanical Section is preparing 2,000 copies of I.O.#1871 immediately and Mr. Halter in the Chief Clerk's Office is having these forwarded to the Kansas City Field Division tonight via air express.

Mr. Brantley stated that to date no contact of the subjects has been located on whom a technical surveillance would appear desirable, but that this possibility is being kept in mind by the Kansas City office. He said that it appears subjects have no money since when Bever contacted a Jewish bartender at Kansas City at 2:30 a.m. on February 27, 1943 he first asked for \$25., then \$15. and finally stated he could use \$5.00. I told Mr. Brantley that I thought the idea of circularizing the doctors and hospitals at Kansas City regarding Radkay was a splendid idea and that all officers in the Middle West should be on the lookout for the above Pontiac coupe, but that it was my opinion this is presently stored in some garage at Kansas City.

Respectfully,

K. C. West

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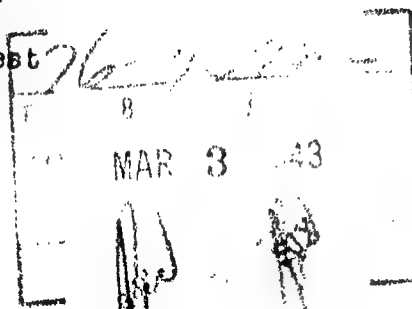
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SAC Brantley, Kansas City, phoned to advise he has ten Special Agents working on this case as a special and that to date there has been no indication that the subjects have left Kansas City. Close contact is being maintained with local police agencies, but the Pontiac coupe which subjects are believed to have stolen on the night of 2/26/43 has not been located. Mr. Brantley has personally interviewed James O. Smith who lives at the house where the subjects appeared on 2/26/43, and also had a Syrian by the name of George Maroon brought to the Kansas City office where he was thoroughly interviewed at 1:00 a.m. this morning. Maroon is known to be a close associate of Ricketts and Radkay and to have assisted them in committing numerous local crimes. He has stated he expects the subjects to contact him in the next day or two and has promised complete cooperation with the Kansas City office. It should be noted Maroon believes he is wanted in the State of New York in connection with some local crimes, and although this does not appear to be true, his impression is not being corrected.

Ricketts' wife is being taken to and from work and is being closely watched, but it should be noted because of the large number of relatives and friends of the subjects in Kansas City, Mr. Brantley states it would take 300 Special Agents to put Bureau plants on all of these and that he is therefore directing investigation toward developing necessary informants. Mr. Brantley stated he would keep the Bureau fully advised of all future developments.

Respectfully,

K. C. West



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MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ET AL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EFP. IN VIEW OF APPREHENSION OF SUBJECTS ARTHUR AND CLARENCE PARSONS AS INDICATED IN TELETYPE FROM CINCINNATI OFFICE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTY THREE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF WANTED NOTICES WHICH CONTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TWO APPREHENDED SUBJECTS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED. WASZZZ WANTED NOTICES JUST RECEIVED THIS OFFICE.

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MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, ETAL, FUGITIVES, EFP, FEA. SUBJECTS CX  
CLARENCE AND ARTHUR PARSONS ARRAIGNED FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTY  
THREE BEFORE US COMMISSIONER, CINCINNATI. ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY  
TO VIOLATION OF FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. BOND FOR THIS OFFENSE SET AT  
TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH. FINAL HEARING WAIVED BY SUBJECTS.  
USA, CINCINNATI, DECLINED PROSECUTION OF DAWN AND VIRGINIA MITCHELL FOR  
HARBORING. PROSECUTION OF MIKE SCOTT, ADDYSTON, OHIO, AUTHORIZED FOR  
PARSONS BROTHERS SINCE SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN  
FORTYTHREE. ADMITS PARENTS OF DAWN AND VIRGINIA MITCHELL KEPT SUBJECTS  
IN THEIR HOME AT ADDYSTON, OHIO, SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY FOURTEEN.  
SCOTT TOOK MITCHELL TO XX GIRLS TO WHERE SUBJECTS LOCATED WHEN ARRESTED.  
COMPLAINT AGAINST SCOTT TO BE FILED TODAY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT  
ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. BELMONT

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SACS LOUISVILLE, ST LOUIS, CINCINNATI

DOLT. HARRY RALPH BEVER WAS ETAL FUGITIVES EAP FEA. ABOUT FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY AN INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT BEVER MADE INQUIRY AT HOME OF JAMES O. SMITH, EIGHTEEN SEVENTEEN PENDLETON, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. SMITH REPORTED MATTER TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PD WHO WERE COVERING SMITHS HOME WITH ASSISTANCE OF SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD LOOK SCOTT. ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY PM THREE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECTS BEVER, TARKAY AND RICKETTS CAME TO THIS ADDRESS AND ONE INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED DOOR BUT DID NOT ENTER, BECAME SUSPICIOUS, RAN BACK TO CAR JUST AS KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PD SQUAD CAR DROVE UP. SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED BY POLICE OFFICERS AT CAR WHICH WAS WRECKED SHORT DISTANCE AWAY WHEN THEY RAN INTO A TREE. THIS CAR WAS THIRTYEIGHT PONTIAC EIGHT COUPE, GREEN COLOR, MOTOR EIGHT DASH NINE THREE ONE FOUR TWO, SERIAL THREE SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT TWO SEVEN, BEARING FORTY TWO MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE THREE DASH EIGHT ONE EIGHT AND FORTYTHREE MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE SEVEN DASH NAUGHT TWO EIGHT. EXAMINATION OF CAR REFLECTS FOUR SHOTS STRUCK ON LEFT SIDE BUT DID NOT PENETRATE CAR. IN CAR WAS ENVELOPE BEARING TWO KRAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF FEET, NOTATION ON ENVELOPE AS FOLLOWS QUOTE REFERRED BY DR. OSCAR BLOCH MD TWO DASH TWENTYTWO DASH FORTYTHREE FRACTURE OF RIGHT HEEL UNQUOTE. AMERICAN MEDICAL DIRECTORY REFLECTS DR. OSCAR EDGEWORTH BLOCH, RESIDENCE NINETEEN FIVE THREE BARDSTOWN ROAD, OFFICE THREE SIXTEEN WEST BROADWAY, F LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. IN CAR WAS FIREMANS COAT BEARING NAME OF CAPTAIN H. MILLER JANUARY NINETEEN TWENTYSIX, NUMBER ONE FIVE FIVE THREE EIGHT MADE AT CINCINNATI OHIO BY LEON AND FRIEDMAN. ALSO IN CAR WAS DOCTORS MEDICAL BAG WITH ENVELOPES BEARING NAME OF DR. CLOYCE WILSON, FOUR THREE TWO MAJOR STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO. THIS BAG CONTAINS NUMEROUS SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, MEDICINES AND THE PRESCRIPTION BOOK OF DR. WILSON. MISSOURI

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MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI ADVISES MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE THREE DASH EIGHT ONE EIGHT ISSUED TO WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, FOUR THREE ONE NAUGHT VISTS STREET ST LOUIS, MISSOURI FOR THIRTYSEVEN DODGE SEDAN MOTOR D DASH ~~XXX~~ FIVE DASH TWO FOUR SIX EIGHT FIVE ONE. LOUISVILLE OFFICE REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN REPUTATION DR. OSCAR EDGEWORTH BLOCH AND IF DEEMED ADVISABLE OPENLY INTERVIEW HIM AS IT APPEARS HE MIGHT HAVE EXAMINED ONE OF SUBJECTS WHO APPEARS TO HAVE FRACTURED RIGHT HEEL. ST LOUIS OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, FOUR THREE ONE NAUGHT VISTS STREET, ST LOUIS FOR CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEFT OF MISSOURI LICENSE FOUR FIVE THREE DASH EIGHT ONE EIGHT. CINCINNATI SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF CAPTAIN H. MILLER WHOSE FIREMANS COAT WAS FOUND IN CAR. EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BEING MADE THIS DISTRICT BY AGENTS OF LOCAL OFFICERS TO EFFECT SUBJECTS APPREHENSION.

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Washington, D. C.

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76-9296  
12:17 A.M.

February 18, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN *18-3*

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

FACTS:

At this time, SAC A. H. Belmont of the Cincinnati Office, advised the writer that Mrs. Wilson, the wife of the kidnaped doctor, had received a letter postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, informing her where her husband could be found.

Mr. Belmont stated this bore out certain other information in his possession that the three fugitives were possibly heading toward Oklahoma.

Authority was granted Mr. Belmont, pursuant to his request, to send a teletype to several appropriate offices to request police broadcasts in an effort to apprehend fugitives en route to Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

R. E. SMITH

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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| Mr. Glavin     |  |
| Mr. Ladd       |  |
| Mr. Nichols    |  |
| Mr. Rosen      |  |
| Mr. Tracy      |  |
| Mr. Carson     |  |
| Mr. Egan       |  |
| Mr. Gurnea     |  |
| Mr. Hendon     |  |
| Mr. Pennington |  |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm |  |
| Mr. Nease      |  |
| Miss Gandy     |  |

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FBI ATLANTA 2-17-43  
DIRECTOR AND SAC CINCINNATI

9-34 PM CM

MICE. WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS, ET AL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EFP.  
ATLANTA PD ADVISES RECEIVED RADIO MESSAGE FROM CINCINNATI PD  
AT EIGHT TWENTY NINE PM TODAY STATING CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS  
AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS APPREHENDED, APPARENTLY AT  
CINCINNATI. SUGGEST CINCINNATI VERIFY AND ADVISE INTERESTED  
OFFICES IMMEDIATELY.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Kramer ✓  
Mr. McGuire ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Beahm ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

February 17, 1943

PHH:LMH

Call: 8:10 PM

Dictated: 8:20 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was, et al  
Fugitives  
Federal Escape Act  
Escaped Federal Prisoners

SAC Belmont of the Cincinnati Field Office telephoned at 8:10 PM, February 17, 1943, to inform that the Cincinnati Police Department had apprehended Arthur Parsons and Clarence Parsons at 7:10 PM.

FACTS

A negro woman, named Susie Haynes, who owns a home at 101 Belmar Place, Saylor Park, which is a suburb of Cincinnati in the flood area, yesterday visited this house in order to survey the damages. She noticed two strange white men who had apparently taken over her home. On February 17, 1943, at approximately 6:00 PM, she called the Cincinnati police radio station and reported the presence of these men in her home. The police on a routine investigation picked up the two men at which time they discovered that they were in the company of two sisters, named Dawn Emma Mitchell and Ella Virginia Mitchell, ages 15 and 17 respectively. Both girls reside with their parents in Addison, Ohio.

PUBLICITY

Belmont advised that he had learned of the apprehension only a short while before his call to the Bureau, at which time it was ascertained that the Parsons brothers were being booked at the Cincinnati Police Department and that there was a large number of newspaper men present who were aware of the apprehension. He expected the matter to be picked up by the Associated Press and to be given wide publicity. He pointed out that due to the fact that he had such short notice of the apprehension he had not, as yet, had an opportunity to question the Parsons brothers or the two Mitchell sisters, but that this would be done tonight in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the other fugitives still at large. He stated that he would keep the Bureau advised of all developments.

Respectfully,



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G. Rosen  
W. Rosen

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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| Mr. Tolson     |  |
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| Mr. Clegg      |  |
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| Mr. Nichols    |  |
| Mr. Rosen      |  |
| Mr. Tracy      |  |
| Mr. Carson     |  |
| Mr. Hendon     |  |
| Mr. McGuire    |  |
| Mr. Mumford    |  |
| Mr. Quinn      |  |
| Mr. Nease      |  |
| Miss Gandy     |  |

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F B I CINCINNATI  
DIRECTOR

2-14-43

12-33 AM EWT

GEW

SHIRT. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, FUGITIVE, WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS, FUGITIVE, SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, FUGITIVE, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, EFP, FEA. RELATIVES, CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECTS IN CINCINNATI AREA CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL WERE WARNED OF HARBORING STATUTE. PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ARTHUR PARSONS IDENTIFIED BY ONE SPENCE, EMPLOYED AT BALDWIN PIANO COMPANY AS MAN APPEARING AT HIS HOME NEAR EDEN PARK, CINCINNATI ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, REQUESTING SHELTER, CLOTHES, AND FOOD AND ADMITTING HE WAS PARSONS. SPENCE HAD NOT HEARD OF ESCAPE AND GAVE SUBJECT A PULLOVER RED SWEATER WITH ROUND NECK AND PAIR OF LIGHT TAN TROUSERS WHICH HE PUT ON OVER HIS OTHER CLOTHES. COMPLAINTS FILED TODAY CHARGING ALL FIVE SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATION OF FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT AND NON EST RETURNS MADE TODAY.

BELMONT

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ACK AND HOLD PLS  
12-34 AM OK FBI WASH DC MFT

*cc: Hardison  
note copy*

*ALL MA BELMONT  
COMPLAINTS WERE FILED  
ON 2-13-43*

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*Mr. Rosen  
2/15/43  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Carson .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. McGuire .....  
Mr. Mumford .....  
Mr. Piper .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....

FBI CINCI 2-15-43 12-50 PM EWT SS

MICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS, FUGITIVE, WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS, FUGITIVE, SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS FUGITIVE, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. FACTS CONCERNING ROBBERY OF AVONDALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER THIRTY FIRST NINETEEN FORTY TWO, PRESENTED TO FEDERAL GRAND JURY, CINCINNATI, OHIO, FEBRUARY TENTH NINETEEN FORTY THREE. INDICTMENT CHARGING SUBJECTS BEVER, RATKAY, AND RICKETTS WITH ROBBERY OF THIS BANK TO BE REPORTED FEBRUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN FORTY THREE, CHARGING THEM ~~WITH~~ WITH VIOLATION SECTION FIVE EIGHT EIGHT B OF TITLE TWELVE, AND A SEPARATE INDICTMENT WILL ALSO BE REPORTED CHARGING THESE THREE SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATION OF SECTION FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT, TITLE EIGHTEEN. RESULTS OF INDICTMENT UNOFFICIAL UNTIL ACTUALLY REPORTED FEBRUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN FORTY THREE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS PARSONS BEING FORWARDED AMSD TODAY TO BUREAU.

BELMONT

END  
12-50 PM OK FBI WASH DC PW

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 13, 1943

LBN:JM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: ARTHUR PARSON, ET AL.  
ESCAPE

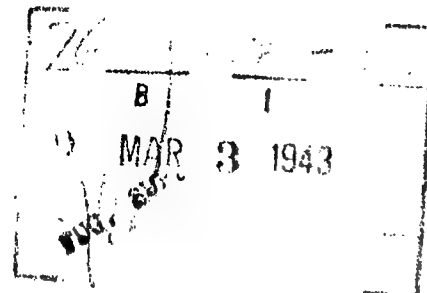
Mr. Rosen advised me of these escapes this morning and pointed out that we needed the pictures of Arthur and Clarence Parson in order to make up wanted circulars. I immediately contacted the AP Photo Service. After referring the matter to their New York Office, they stated they would be happy to have the pictures moved into Washington by Wirephoto but in order to abide by FCC rules they would have to have the approval of a member paper.

Accordingly, I called Mr. Corn of the Star who ordered the pictures, since the wide distribution of the pictures as quickly as possible will be helpful. I also told the AP we would furnish them with the pictures of the other three individuals and sufficient identifying data to prepare captions this afternoon so that all five pictures can be moved to all evening papers. This will be done.

Respectfully,

*LBN*  
L. B. Nichols

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
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Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
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AR:JSF

Rec'd: 12:10 p.m.

Typed: 4:17 p.m.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Escape of 5 Prisoners from  
Hamilton County, Ohio, Jail;  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
2/12/43

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Bashm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
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While talking with SAC Belmont on another case, he stated that apparently the gang stole two cars in Cincinnati; that the second car, a Chevrolet, was crashed through the back of a greenhouse in one of the parks. The police officer chasing them thought there were only two occupants in the car and these two may have been the Parsons brothers. A cordon was placed all over the city last night but Belmont said it was not very well organized. The Cincinnati office sent cars out last night when they received this information but stood by and there was very little they could do.

I told him we are going to try to get some circulars out tonight. I referred to some snapshots of the Parsons which we would like to get. He said all they had was one picture which had with the other four subjects' pictures been turned over to the Cincinnati Post.

I advised Belmont that Mr. Nichols would probably get in touch with him later today and instruct him to get this information out over the wire services. He said he thought this could be done very well.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **76-365**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>OMAHA</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-22-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-19-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>RICHARD C. KOBER</b> <i>cff</i>                        |
| TITLE <b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was Fug.; WILLIAM ISAAC RAYKAY was Fug.; SAMUEL RICKETTS was Fug.; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS was Fug.; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS was Fug.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONERS and FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Flyers as furnished by the Bureau forward to all local Law Enforcement Officials on February 19, 1943.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA JOHAN A. REITER, Cincinnati, February 13, 1943  
Letter from Cincinnati dated February 15, 1943  
Teletype from Cincinnati dated February 17, 1943

**DETAILS:** AT OMAHA

The flyers on the five subjects of instant case were forwarded to all local Law Enforcement Officials in Nebraska on February 19, 1943 by the Omaha Field Division. On February 17, 1943 a teletype was received from the Cincinnati Field Division advising that subjects CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS had been apprehended by the Cincinnati Police Department. In view of the publicity given the capture of the Parsons brothers in the Omaha World Herald, a newspaper which reaches the entire state it was not deemed advisable or necessary to attempt to notify all local Law Enforcement Officials in the State of Nebraska, of the capture of these two subjects.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

OMAHA FIELD DIVISION

AT OMAHA

Will maintain contact with all Law Enforcement Officials in the State of Nebraska for any information which may come to their attention in regard to subjects BEVER, RATKAY and RICKETTS.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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76-7296

Call - 9:00 A.M.

Typed - 9:25 A.M.

March 2, 1943

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, w.as., FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, w.as., FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, w.as., FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1871; SAMUEL RICKETTS, w.as.,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1870; HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, w.as. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869; BANK  
ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

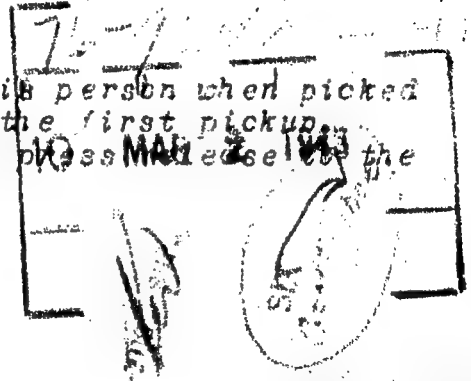
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC Brantley telephoned from the Kansas City Office to advise that subject Ricketts was apprehended at about 6:15 this morning at 721 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Brantley stated Ricketts was unarmed, poorly clothed, and practically without funds. Brantley stated yesterday evening's Star ran the pictures of all the subjects on the front page, and immediately the office began to get tips as to where the subjects were living at the Amidor Hotel on East 33d Street, Kansas City.

Brantley stated the story was that Radkay went to a neighborhood drug store to get a paper, came back with the paper in his pocket, and a few minutes thereafter the other subjects began to leave one by one. Brantley stated shortly after a woman in this hotel phoned the office Agents were sent there and had hardly arrived in the vicinity when they recognized Radkay walking down the street about 75 yards from the Amidor Hotel. They apprehended him immediately and took him to the office where he was held overnight. He stated they then maintained coverage of the place all night and about 5 or 6 o'clock this morning the office received a call that two more of the subjects were believed to be at 721 West 11th Street. Brantley stated Agents A. B. Miller, R. L. Murphy, Charles G. Campbell and William B. O'Mahoney, together with four local police officers immediately went to that address and apprehended Ricketts, Bever having left a few minutes before. Brantley stated they are combing the city for Bever and feel sure they will soon be able to find him.

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Brantley stated Radkay had \$3.85 on his person when picked up. He stated the police were not in on the first pickup. Brantley stated he will give an immediate press release to the



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Memo for Mr. Tamm

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Star this morning, since we could not have been so successful in locating the subjects if it had not been for the excellent cooperation and coverage the Star gave the case. He also stated it was necessary to have the local police in on it because with their limited number of Agents they could not have successfully covered the pickups. Brantley stated Agents Milton B. Dickerson and Buskin Lines apprehended Raskay without assistance.

Brantley stated he plans to arraign Raskay and Kicketts this morning and have them removed to Cincinnati.

Respectfully,



A. Rosen



JCK:WP  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

CALL: 3:25 P.M., February 15, 1943

SAC D. Brantley of the Kansas City Office was contacted telephonically by the writer with respect to information desired in connection with the issuance of Identification Orders on the above named subjects. Mr. Brantley was requested to secure the names and addresses of all the relatives of Subjects Radkay, Ricketts, and Bever residing within the Kansas City Field Division and to secure certain dispositions not presently included on the criminal records of these subjects. Mr. Brantley stated he would secure these data immediately and submit the information by teletype.

CALL: 7:50 P.M., February 15, 1943

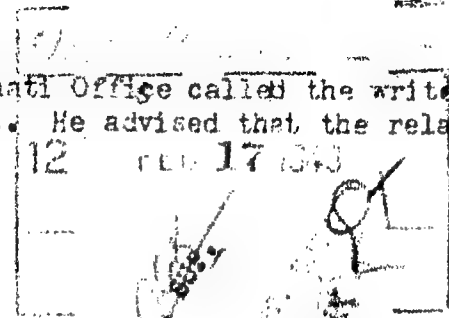
Assistant SAC L. A. Obenshain of the Cincinnati Office was contacted telephonically by the writer and was requested to secure the addresses of the relatives of Subjects Clarence Albert Parsons and Arthur Raymond Parsons, as well as certain dispositions needed to complete their criminal records in order that Identification Orders may be issued immediately.

Mr. Obenshain was also requested to furnish the Bureau with the specific allegations set forth in the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act process outstanding against Subjects Bever, Ricketts and Radkay. He advised that he would submit this information on the following morning.

CALL: 10:40 A.M., February 16, 1943

Assistant SAC Obenshain of the Cincinnati Office called the writer with respect to the information requested above. He advised that the relatives of the Parsons brothers are as follows:

Mrs. Mary Ellen Parsons, mother  
Broadway Avenue, R. F. D. #23  
Parkersburg, West Virginia



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J. C. Kennedy

2/10/43-Addendum: A teletype was received from Kansas City at 2:30 PM asking for the data requested from Mr. Brandley. I.O. on Baver is being set up in Mackinac Section. I.O. on Paskay and Richels are being typed. I.O. on Parsons Section are being typed pending receipt of photos from Cincinnati & Co. J.C.K.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

LAO:MCC  
76-964

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RATHWAY, was, FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
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FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

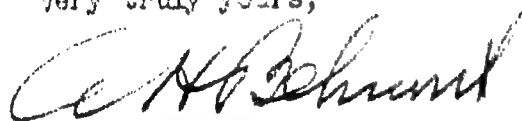
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS.

I am also transmitting herewith a negative of a photograph made by the Cincinnati Times Star newspaper. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS can be identified in this picture as one of the handcuffed persons wearing a sweater. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS is the other handcuffed person in this picture.

For the information of the Bureau, identification can best be affected by those photographs being transmitted from this Office which have already been developed.

Very truly yours,



A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (3)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS  
and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS

Negative of photograph of CLARENCE ALBERT  
PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

ENCLOSURES 2 photographs and negatives  
of ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS  
TO BUREAU  
FROM Birmingham Field Office  
FILE No. 91-dead



~~Clarence~~

~~Clarence~~

~~Clarence~~

Clarence

Parsons



~~Raymond~~

~~Wesley~~

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~~Wesley~~

Arthur

Parsons



HARRY RALPH BEVER, was.

LARRY JAMES DUGAN

L.J. DUGAN

FRED MATHEWS

Age 26

Born 9/13/16 Trenton Mo.

5 ft 9 3/8 in

Wt 175

Eyes Med. Blue

Hair Light Red

Comp. Med. Light

Built Med. Stocky

Mpls # 34865

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Home 3226 Walnut

Kansas City Mo.





ISAAC ALRAY, #FBI-100-100

# **CORRECTION**

**THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN**

**REPHOTOGRAPHED TO ASSURE**

**LEGIBILITY**

WILLIAM ISAAO RADKAY was  
SAMUEL ISAAO RUEBIN,  
SAMUEL ROWAN, SAM RUBIN  
JAMES MURPHY,  
SAMMY,  
WILLY, WILLIE,

Age 31

Born 9/24/11 Kansas City Kan.

5 ft 9 3/4 in

Wt 153

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Sallow Comp.

Build Slender

Home 250 N. 5th St

Kansas City Kan.

FBI# 911699



Harry Ralph Bever FBI# 2413512

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

NAME Harry Ralph Bever

FBI NO FBI No. 2,413,512

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Bank Robbery, NIMTA,  
CRIME Fed. Escape Act

SEX Male NATIONALITY American

AGE 26 years HEIGHT 5'9 1/2"

WEIGHT 175 lbs. BUILD med. stocky

COMPLEX ruddy RACE white

HAIR red, wavy EYES gray-blue

tattoo, double heart  
& letters "HED" rt arm,  
small scars rt wrist, vaccination  
lt arm, 1/2 inch scar  
lip, scar lt side neck  
lobe lt. ear.



Samuel Ricketts FBI# 1486280

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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NAME Samuel Ricketts

FBI NO 1486280

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Bank Robbery, NEVTA

CRIME

Fed. Escape Act

SEX Male NATIONALITY American

AGE 28 years HEIGHT 5' 11 1/8"

WEIGHT 135 lbs. BUILD Slender

COMPLEX Sallow RACE White

HAIR Black EYES Dark brown

SCARS & MARKS \_\_\_\_\_

WILLIAM ISAAC RUBEIN, was

SAMUEL ISAAC RUBEIN,

SAMUEL ROMAN, SAM RUBEIN

JAMES MURPHY,

SAMUEL,

WILLY, WILLIE,

Age 31

Born 9/24/11 Kansas City Kan.

5 ft 9 3/4 in

Wt 153

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Build Slender

Home 250 N. 5th St

Kansas City Kan.

FBI# 911699

HARRY RALPH BEVER, was.

LARRY JAMES DUGAN

L.J. DUGAN

FRED MATHEWS

Age 26

Born 9/13/15 Trenton Mo.

5 ft 9 3/8 in

Wt 175

Eyes Med. Blue

Hair Light Red

Comp. Med. Light

Built Med. Stocky

Mpls # 34865

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Home 3226 Walnut

Kansas City Mo.

SAMUEL RICKETTS, was

GEORGE WRIGHT, GEORGE RICKETTS

GEORGE MASON, BOB WRIGHT

GEORGE ROBERTS

GEORGE THOMAS

THOMAS ROBERTS

Age 27

Born 12/30/14 Chicago Ill.

5 ft 11 1/2 in.

Wt 135

Eyes Dr. Brown

Hair Black

Built Slender

Comp. Med. Dark

Home /324

3020 Flora

Kansas City Mo.

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P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RATHAY, was, FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL HICKETTS, was, FUGITIVE;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was, FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photographs of CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS.

I am also transmitting herewith a negative of a photograph made by the Cincinnati Times Star newspaper. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS can be identified in this picture as one of the handcuffed persons wearing a sweater. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS is the other handcuffed person in this picture.

For the information of the Bureau, identification can best be affected by those photographs being transmitted from this Office which have already been developed.

Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (3)

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

**February 18, 1943**

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN**

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT

Assistant SAC Obenshain, Cincinnati, was contacted regarding the recent developments of this case.

Following the apprehension of the Parsons brothers, they were questioned and have advised that subjects Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever stated they intended to head for Oklahoma City. They intend to get firearms as soon as possible and pull a bank job.

Yesterday evening the wife of Dr. Cloyce Wilson, who was kidnaped at a Cincinnati hospital, bound with electric wire and left in an abandoned house at Cincinnati by subjects Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever on February 16, 1943, received a special delivery letter postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, at noon on February 17, 1943, which advised that her husband was bound and placed in an abandoned house. A chart showing her exactly how to locate her husband was enclosed with this letter. It should be noted that at the time Dr. Wilson was kidnaped by the bank robbers, his 1936 Chrysler Sedan bearing Ohio license plates, \$100.00 in currency, a physician's grip containing medicine and instruments, and "A" and "B" gasoline ration books issued to Dr. Wilson were taken. All field offices in the continental United States were notified of this fact by the Cincinnati Office by teletype on February 17, 1943, and were requested to make appropriate contacts for complete coverage pertaining to the automobile and the gasoline ration books.

In view of the fact all offices in the continental United States are in possession of flyers on the subjects who are not Identification Order fugitives, I instructed Mr. Obenshain to get out a teletype to all SAC's in the continental United States who have not already been advised of the location of the Parsons brothers.



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Mr. Obenshain stated the details of the apprehension of the Parsons brothers given the press by the Cincinnati police made the front page of the local papers and that it is anticipated these subjects will be turned over to Federal authorities today. They are presently being held in the Hamilton County Jail from which they recently escaped.

Mr. Obenshain was requested to keep the Bureau closely advised of all important developments in this case.

Respectfully,



K. C. West

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

February 15, 1943

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Call 9:55 A. M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN**

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT

SAC, Belmont, Cincinnati was contacted regarding the recent developments of this case. He stated no recent definite information of value has been obtained, although numerous rumors have been received and afforded attention. Three local detectives are contacting their informants, accompanied by Bureau Agents, and the case is being closely followed with adjoining field divisions. All relatives of the subject's have been contacted and advised of the Harboring Statute. Mr. Belmont said that they have all stated they would harbor the subject in spite of this statute. The originals of the photographs of Clarence and Arthur Parsons which were telegraphed in for the flyers are being forwarded to the Bureau for use on the Identification Orders which are being prepared. By teletype dated February 14, 1943, Cincinnati advised that the photograph of subject Arthur Raymond Parsons had been identified by one Spence, an employee of the Baldwin Piano Company as the man who appeared at his home near Eden Park, Cincinnati about 9:30 P. M., February 12, 1943, requesting shelter, clothes and food. This individual told Spence that he "was Parsons," and that he had escaped from jail but Spence had not heard of the escape and did not know whether to believe this individual but he took pity on him and gave him a pullover red sweater with round neck and a pair of light tan trousers which Parsons put on over his other clothes. Spence stated that Parsons was pretty badly scratched up, evidently from running through brush. This angle is being closely followed up.

I advised Mr. Belmont that approximately 98,000 flyers have been forwarded to field divisions in the continental United States, which is enough to circularize the original Identification Order mailing list before it was reduced to its present number of about 70,000 addresses. I told him the first flyers prepared had been forwarded to the Cincinnati Office and the offices adjoining it and that these should be sent out by these offices as soon as they are received. I requested Mr. Belmont to advise all auxiliary offices who receive teletypes from the Cincinnati Office today that these



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flyers should be afforded immediate attention. I further instructed Mr. Belmont to get out, air mail special delivery, letters to all offices in the continental United States immediately, advising them that these flyers should be afforded immediate attention.

Mr. Belmont stated that the investigative report which was to have arrived at the Bureau today would not arrive until tomorrow because of certain corrections which had to be made in it. This report will contain the complete details of the subjects' escape.

I asked Mr. Belmont if an indictment had been returned against subjects Ricketts, Radkey, and Bever, since it was noted the facts in connection with their bank robbery were presented to a Federal grand jury at Cincinnati on February 10, 1943. This information is desired for inclusion on the Identification Orders on the subjects. Mr. Belmont stated he has not as yet been advised of the return of these indictments but he believes that he can find out this morning whether they were returned. He will submit the information to the Bureau immediately by teletype. Mr. Belmont was instructed to keep the Bureau closely advised regarding any important developments in this case.

Respectfully,



K. C. West

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Birmingham, Alabama  
February 16, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases-FUGITIVE;  
BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

As requested in Bureau teletype dated February 15, 1943, in connection with the above styled matter, there are attached hereto two negatives and corresponding photographs of two different views of subject ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, previously secured at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. W. McCullagh, Birmingham, dated August 22, 1942, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, which was later changed to reflect the title CLARENCE PARSONS, with alias; ARTHUR PARSONS, with aliases; VIVIAN WELLS - Victim, Kidnaping, White Slave Traffic Act.

It is to be noted that this office has not previously been advised of any pending case set forth as in the caption of this letter, and no active investigation thus far has been requested in connection with this case. However, a dead file is being made in the Birmingham Field Division, and should the office of origin, which at this time is unknown here, request additional investigation, the same will be conducted.

Very truly yours,

*D. K. Brown*  
D. K. BROWN,  
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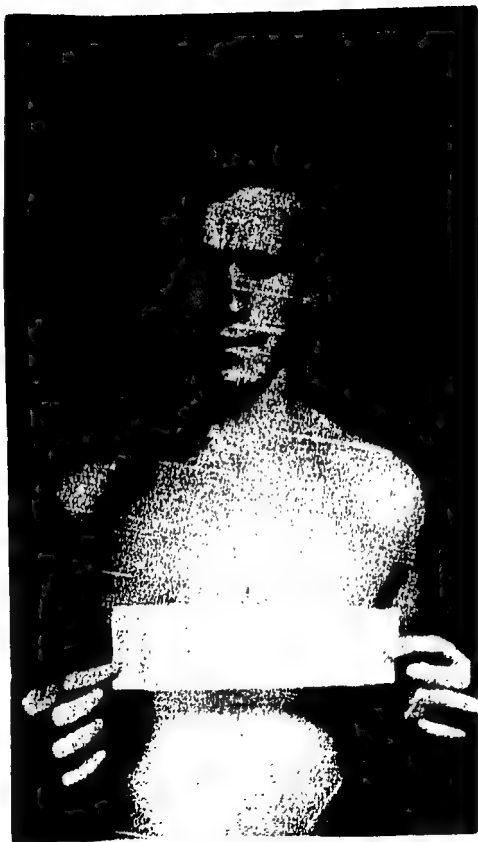
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 76-354

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-27-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-17, 18, 19-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>ELDON J. MUELLER</b> :MFD                               |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br/>WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br/>SAMUEL RICKETTS, w.as. - FUGITIVE<br/>ET AL</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CHARLES RADKAY, JOHN RADKAY and JOE RADKAY are distant cousins of subject RADKAY and have no pertinent information concerning him. Subject RADKAY visited CHARLES RADKAY, Gary, Indiana, in 1929 and has not been seen in Gary, Indiana and records, Lake County, Indiana, Clerk Office, checked with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Kansas City teletype to Indianapolis and Cincinnati dated February 15, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER dated February 22, 1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DETAILS:**

Reference teletype recited that the Kansas City Police Department had received information that subject RADKAY was thought to have been married in Gary, Indiana, date, name of woman or details not known.

He was reported to have had the following cousins who might be able to give information concerning his reported marriage: CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland Street, Gary, Indiana; JOHN RADKAY, 4545 Massachusetts Street, Gary, Indiana; and JOE RADKAY, 5024 Narva Place, East Chicago, Indiana.

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AT GARY, INDIANA

The writer contacted CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland Street, who informed that he, as well as JOHN RADKAY and JOE RADKAY, were distant cousins of subject RADKAY, the relationship being as follows:

Subject RADKAY was adopted when a very small child by one ISAAK RADKAY, 250 North Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas, ISAAK RADKAY being an uncle of CHARLES, JOHN and JOE RADKAY.

Mr. CHARLES RADKAY explained that subject RADKAY was not related to ISAAK RADKAY by blood and that, therefore, there was no blood relationship between subject RADKAY and JOHN, CHARLES or JOE RADKAY.

He informed that ISAAK RADKAY had brought up subject RADKAY from infancy and that ISAAK RADKAY would be the individual who would know more concerning subject RADKAY.

CHARLES RADKAY recalled that ISAAK RADKAY and subject RADKAY had made a trip to Gary, Indiana in the year 1929 at which time they visited him for a few minutes and, according to CHARLES RADKAY, this was the last time he had seen subject.

He further advised that subject at that time was single and he had no information to the effect that subject had been married in Gary, Indiana and was inclined to doubt this fact.

CHARLES RADKAY informed that subject was continually causing ISAAK RADKAY trouble and that the entire relation would be more than happy to bring about his apprehension inasmuch as he had caused them all considerable embarrassment.

The writer interviewed JOHN RADKAY, 4545 Massachusetts Street, who furnished the same information as that furnished by CHARLES RADKAY relative to his relationship with subject.

JOHN RADKAY recalled that in the year 1933 he had visited ISAAK RADKAY in Kansas City, Kansas at which time the subject RADKAY was incarcerated in the reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. He stated that he has never corresponded with subject and has heard nothing concerning him since this time. JOHN RADKAY also informed that he would be glad to cooperate in bringing about subject's apprehension.

The records of the Gary Police Department reflected that under date of July 27, 1942, a letter had been received from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department informing that WILLIAM ISAAK RADKAY was wanted by the Kansas City Police Department for a series of tavern robberies. This letter set out that information had been received that RADKAY, who was a structural steel

worker and who had operated a crane for a steel company in the Kansas City area, was supposed to have married recently and to have been living somewhere in north Gary, Indiana in a three room apartment.

He was said to be corresponding with his mother whom he addressed as MARIE VANCOS who resided in Kansas City, Kansas.

Officers HARMES and STINSON of the Gary Police Department were assigned to this case but advised that their investigation had failed to disclose his whereabouts in the Gary area.

#### AT EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

The writer interviewed JOE RADKAY who had moved from 520 Narva Place to 4862 Magoun Avenue, concerning his knowledge of subject RADKAY. JOE RADKAY was unable to furnish any other information than that furnished by CHARLES and JOHN RADKAY and stated that he had not seen subject in more than ten years. He could furnish no information of value.

JOE RADKAY remarked that he did not believe subject had been married in Gary, Indiana inasmuch as this fact would probably have been made known to him and JOHN and CHARLES RADKAY.

#### AT CROWN POINT, INDIANA

The writer contacted WALTER MYBECK, Clerk of Lake County, Indiana, who searched his marriage records from the year 1928 to date under subject RADKAY'S name and aliases with negative results.

Photographs of the five subjects as published on the wanted flier were exhibited to CHARLES, JOHN and JOE RADKAY and the first two positively identified subject RADKAY as being their distant cousin while JOE RADKAY was unable to identify him positively.

None of the RADKAYS recognized photographs of the other subjects and all stated that they had no knowledge concerning any of them.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Scottsburg, Indiana

Will conduct investigation as per Cincinnati teletype dated February 21, 1945, in effect that BEN SIMON and BILLY SIMON may have knowledge or connection with subject HEVER.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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FILE NO.

**91-457**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>           | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-25-43</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-13-17-43</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWARD M. WESTON bja</b>                                |
| TITLE<br><b>HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, FUGITIVE ET AL</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS<br/>FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Appropriate and complete coverage on above Subject's made with the St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, and Missouri State Highway Patrol. Said law enforcement agencies advised of facts of Subject's escape along with pertinent information and descriptions. Criminal informants in this field division contacted with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Cincinnati, Ohio, Field Division dated February 13, 1943. Teletype from Cincinnati Field Division dated February 17, 1943. Bureau file #76-964.

**DETAILS:**

Under date of February 13, 1943, Chief of Detectives **FRED ECKENRITHER**, St. Louis Police Department, was contacted as to the information contained in referenced teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division dated February 13, 1943, and he advised the reporting Agent that all precincts within the St. Louis area would be notified by teletype and that each Captain of the precinct would, upon roll call, notify each individual patrol man as to the exact name and aliases along with complete descriptions of these fugitives that escaped from the Hamilton County jail in Cincinnati on February 12, 1943.

Under date of February 13, 1943, Agent contacted Sheriff **ARNOLD WILLMAN**, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Clayton, Missouri, who was also advised of the facts in referenced teletype of February 13, 1943. Sheriff **WILLMAN** advised that he would receive the same information through the St.

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Police Department teletype and would notify his men personally that these men were dangerous and that extreme care should be used if apprehended.

Agent also contacted Sergeant H. BOSCH, Missouri State Highway Patrol, St. Louis, County, Missouri, who advised that descriptive leads on the escaped fugitives would be forwarded to all troop stations in order that they would be prepared for any exigencies that might arise in connection with the apprehension of the escaped prisoners.

Agent attempted to contact Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, but learned that this man had left town and had left no forwarding address. Agent also contacted Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, who advised that he had read of the fugitives escape in the newspaper, but had not heard of their being in St. Louis at the present time. [ ] advised that he did not know the Subjects but that if he came across any information as to their present whereabouts he would immediately notify this office.

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Agent also contacted Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, who advised that he is not acquainted with the Subjects of this case, but that if he heard of their whereabouts in the St. Louis area, he would immediately notify this office.

Under date of February 17, 1943, this office was in receipt of referenced teletype from the Cincinnati Field Division advising this office to complete coverage and appropriate contacts for the automobile and gasoline ration books which were taken from one Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. Additional information contained in referenced teletype of February 17, 1943 was accordingly forwarded to the St. Louis Police Department through Detective OLIVER WAHL, Central District. Detective WAHL advised that as Captain of the precinct within the St. Louis area, he would accordingly notify all patrolmen on their beats, who in turn will contact each individual filling station attendant in their respective beats to be on the look out for the stolen automobile and the A and B ration books issued to Dr. CLOYCE WILSON of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, along with the description of Subjects as mentioned in referenced teletype of February 17, 1943. Detective WAHL further advised that the patrolmen would, at the approaches of the bridges from East St. Louis, Illinois, and Alton, Illinois, be on the alert for the Stolen automobile and these ration books in order to obtain gas. Detective WAHL also stated that the vice and morality squads would also be on the look out at individual hotels and taverns throughout the St. Louis area, and if anyone resembling the Subject description were noted, this office would be contacted. Detective WAHL said that this information would also be sent to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office by their teletype system. Agent also con-



tacted Sergeant BOCH, Missouri State Highway Patrol, who advised that State Patrolmen would be appropriately notified as to the facts concerning the ration books and the description of the stolen automobile of Dr. CLOYCE WILSON. Reporting Agent again advised all these law enforcement agencies that these men were considered dangerous and that extreme care should be used in their apprehension.

There is no telephone exchange in the city of St. Louis area under the name of Avon. There is such an exchange in the Cincinnati area, therefore the telephone numbers Avon 9447 and Avon 9333 are probably in Cincinnati.

In view of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted and the wanted notices will be left with the appropriate law enforcement agencies in the St. Louis area, unless additional information is received in this office concerning the Subjects or in the event these men are apprehended in some other field division, then these law enforcement agencies will be accordingly notified to remove their stop notices on the Subjects.

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THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will check the subscribers to the telephone numbers Avon 9447 and Avon 9333 for any information they may have concerning the Subject in instant case. These numbers were on the back of the bill from the Mayfair Hotel in the stolen automobile at the time they were arrested at Minneapolis.

FEB 16 1943

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, ETAL, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ETAL, EFP, FEA. BIRTH RECORDS KANSAS CITY, KANSAS REFLECT WILLIAM RATKAY BORN THERE SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR NINETEEN ELEVEN. PD RECORDS KC KS REFLECT WILLIAM RATKAY ARRESTED NOVEMBER THREE NINETEEN THIRTY, NO NUMBER, CHARGE - DISTURBING THE PEACE, DISPOSITION NOVEMBER FOUR NINETEEN THIRTY, FINED FIVE DOLLARS. AS ~~WILLIAM RATKAY~~ WILLIAM RATKAY ARRESTED JUNE EIGHT NINETEEN THIRTYONE CHARGE VAGRANCY AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. JULY TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION. AS WILLIAM RATKAY NUMBER FOUR SEVEN EIGHT ONE, ARRESTED NOVEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, CHARGE, HIGHWAY ROBBERY. IDENTIFICATION OFFICER KANSAS CITY, KS PD ADVISES DISPOSITION, TURNED OVER TO STATE, WHICH EXPLAINS ARREST BY SHERIFF NOVEMBER TEN, NINETEEN THIRTYONE. DISPOSITION ARREST SHERIFF, KC MO DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYONE, AS NUMBER TWO SEVEN ONE EIGHT, RELEASED ON TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND MARCH NINETEEN FORTYTWO - JUMPED SAME. NEAR RELATIVES, FATHER DECEASED. MOTHER, VERA RADKAY TOMASEGOVICH, FIVE ONE NAUGHT SPLITLOG, SISTER, MRS. AGNES UZIEL, SEVEN TWO NINE ORVILLE, BROTHER JOSEPH ~~RATKAY~~ RATKAY, LIVING WITH MOTHER. STEP-SISTER, ELIZABETH THOMAS, LIVING WITH MOTHER. STEP-BROTHER, FRANK THOMAS, US ARMY. FOSTER PARENTS, ISAAC AND MARY RADKAY, TWO FIVE NAUGHT NORTH FIFTH, ALL RELATIVES, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. SAMUEL RICKETTS BORN IN ATCHISON COUNTY, KANSAS DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN FOURTEEN. NEAR RELATIVES, MOTHER, MRS. JULIA RICKETTS, THREE NAUGHT TWO THREE MONTGALL, FATHER, THOMAS RICKETTS, DISAPPEARED IN NINETEEN TWENTYSIX, BELIEVED DEAD. BROTHER, HENRY AARON, LIVES WITH MOTHER. SISTERS DOROTHY ROSE GOULDING, THREE NAUGHT ONE ONE PROSPECT, AND MRS. STELLA DAME. ONE THREE TWO FOUR PROSPECT, ALL KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. MRS. VELCEY WILLIAMS, TWO FOUR ONE NINE SOUTH MILL, ROSEDALE, KANSAS. MRS. RUTH ~~HOLLOWAY~~ HOLLOWAY, RURAL ROUTE NUMBER TEN, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. WIFE, MRS NEOLA RICKETTS, ALSO KNOWN AS KAY CARROLL AND KAY RICKETTS, THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE CENTRAL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HARRY RALPH BEVER, BORN MILL GROVE, MISSOURI, SEPT. THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTEEN. MOTHER, MRS BLANCHE ~~BEVER~~ BEVER, FATHER OSWA BEVER, BOTH RESIDING ONE ONE FIVE EAST THIRTYTHIRD KC MO. THOMAS EUGENE BEVER, THREE FOUR TWO FOUR HARRISON, KC. MO. BROTHER ROBERT BEVER, US ARMY.

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WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, WAS ETAL, FUGITIVES, FEA, EKP. THREE MEN PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RATKAY AND BEVER, NINE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, KIDNAPED ONE DOCTOR CLOYCE WILSON, AT THE BETHESDA HOSPITAL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, TOOK HIM TO AN ABANDONED HOUSE SIX TWO EIGHT CROWN STREET, WHERE HE WAS BOUND WITH ELECTRIC WIRE ON BOTH HANDS AND FEET. FROM HIM WAS TAKEN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT MODEL CHRYSLER SEDAN, COLOR BLUE, LICENSE OHIO TWO FOUR TWO AK, MOTOR NUMBER C EIGHTEEN DASH EIGHT NAUGHT NINE TWO, VALUED AT NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS, ALSO TOOK ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CURRENCY, ONE PHYSICIANS GRIP CONTAINING MEDICINE AND INSTRUMENTS, AND A AND B GASOLINE RATION BOOKS ISSUED TO DOCTOR CLOYCE WILSON, THREE FIVE FIVE THREE LARKSPUR AVE., CINCINNATI, OHIO. DESCRIPTION AS GIVEN BY DOCTOR WILSON AS NUMBER ONE, THIRTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. EIGH IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., DARK COAT WITH BRASS BUTTONS, WEARING CHAUFFEURS CAP. PARENTHESIS THESE MAY BE FIREMANS UNIFORM PARENTHESIS. NUMBER TWO, AGE FIFTY, FIVE FEET THREE IN., TWO HUNDRED LBS., LIGHT TAN SHORT COAT. NUMBER THREE THIRTY YEARS, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS., WEARING DARK CLOTHING AND CAP AND EAR MUFFS. ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTACTS FOR COMPLETE COVERAGE PERTAINING TO AUTOMOBILE AND GASOLINE RATIONING BOOKS, WHICH ARE ISSUED TO DR. WILSON.

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS ETAL, FUGITIVES EFP, FEA. SUBJECTS ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS AND CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS APPREHENDED WITHOUT VIOLENCE BY CINCINNATI POLICE AT SEVEN TEN PM FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AT VACANT HOUSE AT ONE NAUGHT ONE BELMAR PLACE, CINCINNATI IN COMPANY OF DAWN EMMA MITCHELL, AGE FIFTEEN AND HER SISTER ELLA VIRGINIA MITCHELL AGE SEVENTEEN BOTH OF ADDYSTON, OHIO. APPREHENSION BASED ON TELEPHONIC REPORT FROM NEGRO WOMAN THAT TWO WHITE MEN WERE OCCUPYING VACANT HOUSE. SUBJECTS PARSONS RETURNED TO HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL WITH THE TWO GIRLS. DR. CLOYCE WILSON POSITIVELY IDENTIFIES PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS RATKAY, RICKETTS, AND BEVER AS MEN WHO KIDNAPED HIM AND STOLE HIS AUTOMOBILE ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. MRS. CLOYCE WILSON RECEIVED AN A M D D LETTER TONIGHT POSTMARKED TWELVE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, ADVISING QUOTE DOCTOR IS IN A CORNER VACANT HOUSE ON WINSLOW AND CROWN STREET, TIED UP ON THE BASEMENT END QUOTE, AND BEARING DIAGRAM SHOWING LOCATION OF HOUSE WHERE DR. WILSON WAS LEFT TIED UP. UPON QUESTIONING BY SPECIAL AGENTS, DAWN AND ELLA MITCHELL ADVIE THE PARSONS BOYS TOLD THEM THAT THEY SPLIT AWAY FROM THE THREE OTHER SUBJECTS WHEN THE SECOND CAR WAS STOLEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE PRISON BREAK, BUT THAT RATKAY, RICKETTS AND BEVER PLANNED TO DRIVE TO KANSAS CITY OR OKLAHOMA CITY AND ROB A BANK, SECURING WEAPONS ENROUTE. LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS,

AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICES ADVISED AND REQUESTED TO INFORM ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO WATCH FOR ABOVE AUTOMOBILE AND TO USE RADIO BROADCASTS FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALL OFFIES ADVISED OF APPREHENSION OF CLARENCE AND ARTHUR PARSONS.

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RURAL ROUTE THIRTY ONE, BEDFORD, KENTUCKY, MOTHER MARY ZOGLIN.  
A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION MADE OF RADKAY BY DR. AUSTIN BLOCH AND MRS.  
FLORA MARSH, SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AND RECEPTIONIST, AT THE JEWISH  
HOSPITAL WHO CONVERSED WITH RADKAY. THE ADDRESS ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT FOUR  
[REDACTED] SOUTH FIRST, LOUISVILLE, KY., IS A ROOMING HOUSE WHICH IS  
BEING SURVEILLED BY THIS OFFICE. IN FRONT OF THIS ROOMING HOUSE  
IS PARKED A NINETEEN FORTYONE MAROON BUICK SEDAN BEARING INDIANA  
LICENSE NUMBER NINE NAUGHT SEVEN DASH TWO ONE NAUGHT. INDIANAPOLIS  
HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY PHONE TO CHECK THIS NUMBER AND TO ASCERTAIN  
THE OWNER AND WHETHER OR NOT CAR HAS BEEN REPORTED STOLEN. KANSAS CITY  
WILL CHECK LOCAL HOSPITALS IN AREA INASMUCH AS THE FRACTURED HEEL OF  
RADKAY IS A SERIOUS FRACTURE AND PROBABLY VERY PAINFUL. CLEVELAND,  
OHIO WILL CHECK THE ADDRESS AT FIVE SIX NAUGHT SEVEN DIBBLE STREET.

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NICE. HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS ETAL, FUGITIVE EFP, FEA. USA CINCINNATI  
AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED THIS DATE AGAINST MIKE SCOTT, EVERETT  
MITCHELL, AND WIFE FLORENCE MITCHELL, ALL OF ADDYSTON, OHIO, FOR  
VIOLATION OF SECTION SEVEN FIFTY THREE I, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USCA.  
COMPLAINT FILED, WARRANT ISSUED, SUBJECTS APPREHENDED BY BUREAU  
AGENTS AND U S MARSHAL. ALL SUBJECTS IN SIGNED STATEMENTS ADMIT  
CONCEALING AND AIDING THE PARSONS BROTHERS. AT PRELIMINARY HEARING  
BEFORE U S COMMISSIONER J. PAUL GEOHEGAN, MITCHELLS ENTERED PLEA OF  
GUILTY. COMMISSIONER FAILED TO RECOGNIZE GUILTY PLEA AND ENTERED PLEA  
OF NOT GUILTY FOR MITCHELLS. BOND SET TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH,  
RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE. FINAL HEARING SET ELEVEN AM FEBRUARY  
TWENTY TWO, FORTY THREE. SCOTT TO BE ARRAIGNED TEN AM, FEBRUARY  
TWENTY, FORTY THREE.

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SHIRT. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, GEORGE WRIGHT, GEORGE THOMAS, GEORGE MASON, BOB ROBERTS, GEORGE ROBERTS, DOC RICKETTS, ROBERT WRIGHT, SHINGLE, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS, GEORGE BOWAN, BOB REESE, SAMUEL ISAAC REUBEN, SAMMY REUBEN, JAMES MURPHY, SAMUAL ISAAC RUEBIN, SAMUAL BOWAN, HARRY RALPH BEAVER, WAS HARRY RALPH BEVER, LARRY JAMES DUGAN, FRED MATTHEWS, L. J. DUGAN. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, CLARENCE WELLS, WOODROW HOLBROOK, FUGITIVE. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS, ARTHUR WELLS, ARCH, BILL, FUGITIVE. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. SUBJECTS BEVER, RADKAY, AND RICKETTS WERE CONFINED IN HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL IN CINCINNATI, PENDING GRAND JURY ACTION ON CHARGES OF BANK ROBBERY, NMVTA, NFA, SS. SUBJECTS CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS WERE CONFINED IN HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL PENDING APPEAL AFTER CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF SEVENTY FIVE YEARS EACH, FOR KIDNAPING. AT APPROXIMATELY SIX FIFTEEN PM, FEBRUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, ALL SUBJECTS ESCAPED FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL. SUBJECT BEVER DESCRIBED AGE TWENTY SIX, HEIGHT FIVE NINE, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE LBS., HAIR LIGHT RED AND WAVY, EYES DARK GREEN, COMPLEXION FAIR, BUILD STOCKY. ONE HALF IN. SCAR ON UPPER LIP RIGHT OF NOSE, ONE GOLD CROWN UPPER RIGHT TOOTHE, INTERMITTENTLY WEARS RIMLESS GLASSES AND HAS BUSHY RED EYEBROWS. SUBJECT RICKETTS DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY EIGHT, HEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR AND EYES, PALE COMPLEXION. VERY NERVOUS AND SMOKES CIGARETTES INCESSENTLY. SUBJECT RADKAY DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY ONE, HEIGHT FIVE FT. NINE IN., WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., BUILD SLENDER, DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, COMPLEXION MEDIUM, THREE QUARTER IN. DIAGONAL CUTSCAR CENTER OF FOREHEAD, ONE INCH CIRCULAR SCAR ON BACK OF LEFT HAND. BAD CUT SCAR ON LEFT PALM, BUCKSHOT IN BODY. THESE THREE SUBJECTS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN APPREHENDING. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY THREE, BORN JULY THREE,

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NINETEEN NINETEEN, FIVE FT. TEN IN. TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK HAIR, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, WHITE, AMERICAN. ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS ~~FW~~ DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY FOUR, BORN MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, WHITE, AMERICAN, FIVE FT. NINE IN. TALL, ONE SIXTY EIGHT LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, SANDY HAIR, BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION. BOTH SEX CRAZY, AND MENTALLY DEFICIENT BUT DECLARED LEGALLY SANE. INVESTIGATION TODAY INDICATES THAT APPARENTLY PARSONS BROTHERS HAVE SEPARATED FROM OTHER SUBJECTS. AUTOMOBILES USED IN ESCAPE HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND THEREFORE PRESENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IF ANY UNKNOWN. ALL OFFICES WILL COVER IMMEDIATELY ALL RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES, AND CONTACTS OF SUBJECTS. INDIANAPOLIS WILL INTERVIEW PRIVATE LEKLIN KINNETT OF CO. C, SEVEN TWO NINE MILITARY POLICE, FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, ~~IND~~ INDIANA, WHO HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH CLARENCE PARSONS. KANSAS CITY WILL ESPECIALLY COVER N. RICKETT, THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE, CENTRAL AVENUE, OR STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND THELMA OR BILLY RESIDING AT TWO SEVEN ONE ONE PERRY OR PIERY STREET OR AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH RICKETTS. RICKETT RECENTLY RECEIVED A VALENTINE SIGNED QUOTE ROY AND JUANITA UNQUOTE, POSTMARKED AT KANSAS CITY. BUREAU AUTHORIZES POLICE RADIO SYSTEM BROADCASTS BY LOUISVILLE, ~~HUN~~ HUNTINGTON, INDIANAPOLIS, AND PITTSBURGH OFFICES. COMPLAINTS WILL BE FILED AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RADKAY AND BEVER TODAY UNDER THE FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT. ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE EXPEDITE, AND ALL OFFIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT CRIMINAL INFORMANTS, CIRCULARIZE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND CONTACT POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN THEIR TERRITORIES TO SECURE INFORMATION RE SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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February 13, 1943

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD**

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with alias  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with alias  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases  
Escaped Federal Prisoners  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

SAC Belmont of Cincinnati telephoned the writer to give the latest developments in connection with the escape of the above-captioned individuals from the Hamilton County jail on February 12, and advised that at approximately 8:00 P.M., February 12, an automobile which had previously been stolen was found abandoned on Burton Avenue, Cincinnati, just off Reading Street. Between 8:00 and 8:15 P.M. a gray Chevrolet sedan bearing a current Ohio license plate 47-SH was stolen from Crescent Avenue just around the corner from the intersection of Crescent and Reading Streets. This is in the same vicinity of the city where the first car mentioned above was abandoned.

The second car was cited by the local Police Department which gave chase. It was pursued into Eden Park at a fast rate of speed where it crashed into the rear end of a greenhouse. The two occupants of the car immediately got out and fled. The local police fired a few shots at the fleeing persons but so far as is known they were not hit.

Immediately Eden Park was surrounded by the local police until approximately 9:00 P.M. and the two occupants of the car which had crashed into the greenhouse were not apprehended nor identified. Bureau Agents did not take part in the surrounding nor in the searching of Eden Park although they were available at the time the search was made. It is believed by both the Cincinnati Police and the Cincinnati Field Office that at least two of the subjects were in this car at the time of the crash.

SAC Belmont has requested Bureau permission so that the Cincinnati Office could contact the Louisville, Huntington, Indianapolis, and Pittsburg offices and request them to broadcast an alarm concerning the subjects via the police radio system. He also advised that a comprehensive teletype was being sent to all offices having any possible interest in this case and that a detail report concerning the developments was to be prepared today, February 13, and would be sent to all interested offices. He also stated that a broadcast had already been made by the local radio at Cincinnati relative to the escape of the subjects and that the subjects' pictures had been distributed to the newspapers. A new 76 case is being opened in connection with subjects escape. Complaints are being filed this morning against Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever.

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ACTION TAKEN: Writer immediately contacted Mr. Rosen to secure Bureau authority to have the four above-mentioned field offices request that an alarm be broadcast for the subjects via the State Police radio systems. Mr. Rosen advised that this authorization should be given and that SAC Belmont should also request the interested offices to contact all informants for any information concerning subjects.

Mr. Rosen's advice was immediately telephoned to SAC Belmont.

Respectfully,

*R. G. Aulenbacher*  
R. G. Aulenbacher

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SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases: George Mason, Sam Rickett, Sam Ricketts, Bob Roberts, George Roberts, Thomas Roberts, "Doc" Ricketts, George Thomas, George Wright, Robert Wright, "Shingle;" age, 28 years, (born December 30, 1914, Atchison, Kansas); height, 5 feet 11 1/8 inches; weight, 135 pounds; eyes, dark brown; hair, black; complexion, sallow; build, slender; race, white; nationality, American; education, 8th grade; occupation, baker; peculiarities, prominent lower jaw, sunken eyes, formerly inmate of insane asylum; FBI Number 1486280; Fingerprint Classification, 16 O 29 W 000 24.  
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WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases: James Murphy, William Isaac Ratkay, Willie Ratke, Bob Reese, Sammy Reuben, Samuel Isaac Reuben, Samuel Isaac Rowan, George E. Rowan, Sam Rubin; age, 31 years (born September 24, 1911, Kansas City, Kansas); height, 5 feet, 9 3/4 inches; weight, 153 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown, wavy; build, slender; complexion, sallow; race, white; nationality, American; education, 9th grade; occupation, shoe repairman, lathe operator, carpenter, packing plant worker, steel worker; scars and marks, small scar back left hand, large scar left thumb and palm, small pit scar above right eyebrow, scar middle forehead, 2 small scars right cheek, scar upper lip, bullet scar upper left arm; peculiarities, frequents night clubs; FBI Number 911699.

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HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases: Ralph Bever, Harry Ralph Beaver, Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan, Larry James Dugan, Fred Matthews; age, 26 years (born September 13, 1916, at Millgrove, Missouri); height, 5 feet 9 3/8 inches; weight, 175 pounds; eyes, gray-green, wears rimless glasses; hair, red, wavy; build, medium stocky; complexion, ruddy; race, white; nationality, American; education, 2 years high school; occupation, cook, laborer, bell hop, porter; scars and marks, tattoo, double heart, initials "RED" right arm, 4 small scars right wrist, vaccination left arm, small scar right upper lip, scar left side neck and left earlobe; peculiarities, bushy, red eyebrows, 1 gold crown tooth upper right; FBI Number 2413512.

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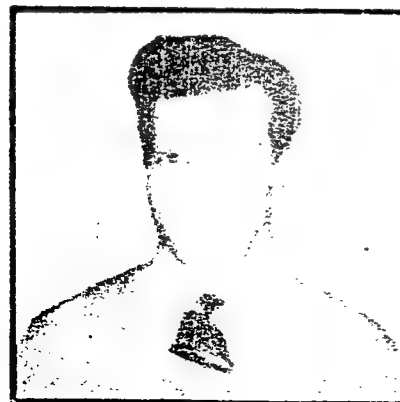


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CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases: Woodrow Holbrook, Clarence Wells; age, 23 years (born at Vanceburg, Kentucky, July 3, 1919); height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 150 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, brown; complexion, fair; build, medium; race, white; nationality, American; scars, scar on middle finger of left hand, moles on left and right side of face, vaccination scar on left arm; FBI Number 2135406; Fingerprint Classification, 27 L 25 W 100 16.  
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Photograph taken in 1942

ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases: Arthur Wells, "Arch." "Bill;" age, 24 years (born at Ravenswood, West Virginia, May 11, 1918); height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 170 pounds; eyes, blue; hair, blond, wavy; complexion, ruddy; build, medium; race, white; nationality, American; occupation, cook; scars, 1/2 inch scar left thumb, 3 moles on face, mole on back of neck, vaccination scar on left arm; peculiarities, reported to be mentally deficient; FBI Number 1759011; Fingerprint Classification, 17 O 29 W MOO 14.  
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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, HARRY RALPH BEVER, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, and ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 12, 1943, are five of the most desperate and dangerous criminals at large today. RICKETTS, RADKAY, and BEVER were being held for prosecution in connection with the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, which occurred on October 31, 1942. CLARENCE and ARTHUR PARSONS were sentenced on November 23, 1942, in Federal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, to serve seventy-five years each for kidnaping. Federal complaints were filed against each of these five subjects on February 13, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio, charging them with violation of the Federal Escape Act.

If you are in possession of any information concerning the location of any of these subjects, please communicate by telephone or telegraph collect with the undersigned, or with the nearest Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local addresses and telephone numbers of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 7117

February 15, 1943

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 1, 1943

ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Director, FBI

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
- FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

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It is requested that the photographs of these fingerprints and the latent fingerprint be compared with fingerprints of Subjects in this case to determine definitely if they were occupants of this car and a report submitted to the Kansas City Field Division and the Cincinnati Field Division as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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1 Photo # 10 - 2 1/2 min.

1 Photo # 11 - 30 seconds.

1 Photo # 12 - 1 min.

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March 9, 1943

AIR MAIL  
REGISTERED MAIL

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SAC, Kansas City

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, with  
aliases, et al, FUGITIVES  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1943, transmitting two packs of exposed film and one lift of a latent impression developed on a 1938 green Pontiac Coupe, bearing motor #8-93142, for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #91-675.

You are advised that the specimens submitted were examined and one latent fingerprint, as well as one fragmentary latent palm print, was noted to be of value for comparison purposes. In accordance with your request, these were compared with the fingerprints and palm prints of Harry Ralph Bever, William Isaac Redkey and Samuel Ricketts, but no identification could be effected. The lift is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 3-4-43 11:00 A. M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, ET AL  
FUGITIVES; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Number: 76-9296-25

Specimens:

One lifts of a latent impression.  
One pack of Kodak Super-XX Panchromatic film.  
One pack of Kodak Verichrome film.  
It is requested that the fingerprints of the named subjects  
HARRY RALPH BEVER be compared with the latents in connection  
with this case.

Examination requested by: Kansas City

Date received: 3-4-43 an

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 1, 1943

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Very truly yours

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case Originated at **CINCINNATI, OHIO** File No. **76-964**  
 Report Made At : Date When Made : Period for Which : Report Made By  
**CINCINNATI, OHIO** : **2-22-43** : **2/13 - 20/43** : **JOHN A. REITER** **MR.**  
 Title : Character of Case  
**HARRY RALPH EVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE** :  
**WILLIE ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases - FUGITIVE** : **ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS**  
**SAMUEL RICKNITS, with aliases - FUGITIVE** : **FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT**  
**CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE** :  
**ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE** :

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PARSONS brothers apprehended Delhi, Ohio, by Cincinnati Police 2-17-43 in company of two minor girls, DANA BARR and VIRGINIA MITCHELL of Addyston, Ohio. PARSONS returned to Hamilton County Jail same date by U. S. Marshal. Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner, plea of not guilty entered, examination waived, bond set at \$25,000. each. PARSONS moved from Hamilton County Jail to Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan, by U. S. Marshal on February 18, 1943. At 9:30 P.M., 2-16-43, Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, kidnapped in rear of Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and taken to vacant house, 623 Crown Street, where he was bound with wire and robbed of \$100. in U. S. currency, and medicine kit containing instruments and medicine, together with a 1938 Chrysler Sedan, color blue, license Ohio 242 AH Motor C 13-6092, value \$700. Dr. WILSON positively identified subjects RICKNITS, EVER and RADKAY as the three men committing this offense. Also taken from Dr. WILSON were gas rationing book A 562279 AH, and two C gas rationing books #F 659041 H2, and F 659032 H2. Two letters both postmarked at Louisville, Ky., 12:30 P.M., 2-17-43 addressed to Chief of Police, Station X and to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, wife of Dr. WILSON received and set out in details. Information concerning the kidnapping

Approved and Forwarded

*John A. Reiter*

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ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

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of DR. WILSON and his automobile given National publicity. Three persons arrested Addyston, Ohio, upon authority United States Attorney for concealing PARSONS brothers. Interview with girls in company of PARSONS when arrested reflects that subjects R. DRAKE, RICKETTS and BEVER planned to drive to Kansas City or Oklahoma City, to rob a bank and would secure weapons enroute. No weapons were produced in kidnaping of Dr. WILSON. Numerous logical leads have been investigated with negative results as to location of the other three subjects. Signed statements obtained from PARSONS set out. Investigation being vigorously continued.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JOHN A. REITER, Cincinnati, 2-13-43, 2-13-43.

copies of this report, Cincinnati, 2-13-43, for their escape concerns only the Bureau and the Cincinnati Office, a separate case is being opened carrying these three persons as subjects, with the Character "Harboring; Escaped Federal Prisoners."

On February 13, 1943, the Indianapolis Office advised by teletype that LESLIE EVANETT KINNETT, Company C 729 Military Police Company, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, had advised that office that subject CLARENCE PARSONS wrote a letter to him approximately two months ago, asking for a \$2.00 loan, which letter was never answered, nor the loan sent. He further advised that his brother, CLIFFORD KINNETT of North Bend, Ohio, is married to PARSONS' sister, COLLEEN, also his brother, JAMES KINNETT of Addyston, Ohio, is married to PARSONS' sister, RUTH. Further that both PARSONS are friendly with the above sisters and may try to contact them; further that VIRGINIA PARSONS, a sister, also resides with JAMES KINNETT; further that PARSONS mother and two sisters live at Parkersburg, W. Va., and his father is believed to live near Aurora, Indiana; further that a sister, FRANCES, presently married, name unknown, is residing in New York City, and the informant believed that subjects might try to contact their mother, or the sister in New York.

Teletype dated at St. Paul 2-13-43, advised that Mrs. ANNE BELLER, Detroit, is the girl friend of subject BEVER and was with him when taken into custody; further that she has cooperated with the Bureau at St. Paul



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and that the Detroit Office had contacted her and were assured full cooperation in the event subjects attempted to contact her. Further, that she claimed she had no knowledge of the break and stated that her address in Detroit was not known to the Fugitives but might be obtained from BEVER's mother with whom she has corresponded. Mrs. KELLER was unable to suggest any possible contacts except BEVER's mother, whom he expressly desired to see prior to his arrest. No surveillance of Mrs. KELLER was maintained.

On February 13, 1943, Mr. RUSSELL McCOLLUM, residing at the Fort Washington Hotel, Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised this office that one CHARLES SPENCE, residing at 942 Morris Street, Cincinnati, had called him to one side on the morning of February 13, 1943, and stated that on the night of February 12, 1943, a young man appeared at his home and asked him if he could stay with him for two or three days. McCOLLUM stated that this man told SPENCE he had just escaped from the County Jail and that he was trying to get away from the police. SPENCE further advised McCOLLUM that he did not let the man stay at his home, but that he gave him some clothing and that the man remarked he would like to get to the Y.M.C.A. in order to contact a woman there. SPENCE also told McCOLLUM that he thought this man meant the Y.W.C.A. inasmuch as he mentioned that it was a hotel for women. According to McCOLLUM this man who visited SPENCE, gave his name as PARSONS.

Mr. CHARLES SPENCE, 942 Morris Street, an employee of the Baldwin Piano Company, when interviewed by Special Agents ARTHUR HULL and FRANCIS L. KUTTHYS, advised that between 9:15 and 9:30 on the night of 2-12-43 a man came to his home at 942 Morris Street and asked to see the landlord or landlady there. SPENCE said that he advised the man that the landlady was upstairs and that he would call her, but that at that time this person requested that he wait and talk to him privately. The individual then asked SPENCE if he had some place where he would talk, other than in the hall of the home at 942 Morris Street. SPENCE stated that he went into the kitchen of his home and took the person with him. This individual then advised SPENCE that his name was PARSONS and made the following remarks:

"I'm hot. The cops are after us. We've just escaped from the County Jail. Five of us got out but we got separated. My brother and I have seventy-five years ahead of us if we are caught."

According to SPENCE, PARSONS then requested that he hide him in his home for a period of two or three days and offered to pay him \$30.00 if he would keep him. SPENCE said that PARSONS thought awhile and then offered to give him \$50.00, stating that he had no money at the time but he knew where he could get some. PARSONS was described by SPENCE as being about 5'9" tall, weighing 168#, having blue eyes, sandy hair, ruddy complexion. He stated further that he noticed PARSONS had a heavy cold and coughed quite a lot while he was

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at his home.

SPENCE further advised that at the time subject PARSONS called at his home he was wearing a pair of white summer pants with a pin stripe, a pair of brown sport shoes and a shirt having a greenish tint in it. Further, that subject PARSONS had no coat or hat and was obviously suffering from exposure to cold. SPENCE stated he did not know at this time that PARSONS was an Escaped Federal Prisoner and that he had not heard anything about the jail break. He also stated he did not know of the PARSONS previous trial and conviction in the Federal Court at Cincinnati. SPENCE said he hated to see a man turned out in the cold without any clothing and that he, therefore, gave him a pair of tan colored pants that had a 1" tear in them on the left hip, just below the pocket. He said that the tan trousers had an indelible stamp bearing the words, "Inspected" just below the tear on the left hip of the trousers. In addition he gave PARSONS a dark maroon colored heavy sweater, with a crew neck, described by SPENCE as being similar to that on a sweat shirt. He said he then permitted subject to wash his face and hands, comb his hair and after that he left his home. SPENCE further stated that he noticed that when PARSONS talked he closed his eyes and seemed to be uncertain in his conversation, but that he noticed no other peculiarities about him.

He advised that upon reading of the description of PARSONS and the incidents occurring on the evening of February 12, 1943, he was positive that the man who called at his home was one of the PARSONS brothers. A photograph appearing in a Cincinnati paper was then exhibited to SPENCE and he immediately identified ARTHUR PARSONS as the person who had been at his home the evening before. SPENCE said that PARSONS asked him where the street car went from the corner of Morris Street and he told him he thought it stopped at 5th and Vine Streets downtown. To this the subject remarked, "That's where I want to go. I've got a girl at the Y.M.C.A. and I believe she'll help me."

SPENCE also pointed out that PARSONS asked him several times if he could direct him to the river from his home at 942 Morris Street. According to SPENCE subject left his home at either twenty minutes before 10:00 or twenty minutes after 10:00, but recalled that it was about five minutes after President ROOSEVELT had finished his speech on the evening of 2-12-43. He stated subject put the trousers and the sweater on over the clothes he was wearing and he did not observe in which direction he went after he left his home.

SPENCE also advised that a Mr. HINN, who also lives in adjoining rooms, came into the SPENCE kitchen to tell him that the President was talking and at that time PARSONS jumped behind the kitchen door. SPENCE explained that he did not have a radio in his own home and he had no way of knowing that there had actually been a jail break. He said that the story which PARSONS told him was the truth.

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SPENCE added that he noticed one other thing with regard to subject PARSONS, namely that he had a noticeable blue scar running from the corner of his right eye, across his temple, a distance of approximately 3". He stated that this was not a fresh cut but it appeared as a healed scar.

A review of the file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge, L. A. OBENSHAW reflected that CLARENCE PARSONS was formerly associated with a girl named NOLA who resided at 326 E. 4th Street. Accompanied by Special Agent ARTHUR MILL, the writer contacted Mrs. CORA B. CALDWELL at 326 E. 4th Street to determine whether or not there was a girl named NOLA residing at that address. Mrs. CALDWELL stated that NOLA SHANKS formerly resided at 326 E. 4th Street but that she moved two or three months ago to 530 E. 4th Street and left a telephone number, Main 6852 at that time.

Mrs. G. BLACKSHAW was contacted by the same Agents at 530 E. 4th Street and advised that a girl named NOLA lived at that address until about three weeks ago, at which time she moved to an apartment in Oakley and that she presently shared the apartment with a MARTHA TRENT. Mrs. BLACKSHAW stated there had been no calls at this address for NOLA SHANKS to her knowledge, on the evening of February 12, 1943. She also advised that while NOLA was at the apartment house she became an undesirable tenant and was requested to leave. She added that NOLA and MARTHA TRENT became very friendly with a rather elderly man by the name of MACMILLAN, who presently resides at the Phelps Apartments on East 4th Street. Mrs. BLACKSHAW stated that on the evening of February 12, 1943, MARTHA TRENT, associate of NOLA SHANKS, visited a FRANCES LITLEN at 530 E. 4th Street but she was unable to advise further of the associations or movements of the two girls during that evening. She stated that the LITLEN girl seemed to be a very nice person and was quite different from either NOLA SHANKS or MARTHA TRENT.

In view of the information which had been furnished by SPENCE to the effect that PARSONS was looking for a girl at the Y.M.C.A., all logical addresses, such as the Catholic Woman's Home, East 4th Street and the Y.W.C.A. on East 9th Street, were contacted as to any registry of NOLA SHANKS, with negative results, however, it was ascertained from further interview with Mrs. BLACKSHAW that NOLA SHANKS was presently in a hospital somewhere in Oakley and had been there for approximately three weeks.

As to the statement made by SPENCE that a Mr. HAHN had also seen the PARSONS boy, Mr. W. A. HAHN, who is a roomer at 942 Morris Ave., was interviewed by the writer and Deputy Sheriff "BOOTS" ANDERSON of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, at which time Mr. HAHN identified the photograph of subject ARTHUR PARSONS and corroborated the statements made by SPENCE. Mr. HAHN stated that while he was disgusted with the manner in which the visit by PARSONS was handled by Mr. SPENCE, he was certain that SPENCE had no way of hearing of the jail break in that SPENCE visited his room during the time President ROOSEVELT spoke. Mr. HAHN stated further that to the best of his knowledge the SPENCE

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family does not receive any evening papers through which he might have gained knowledge of the escape.

On February 13, 1943, Special Agents CHARLES REAVES and FREDERICK AYER interviewed Misses ELEANORE and BETTY CORBETT at the Buckingham Apartments in Adyston, Ohio, in that the file reflected that these girls had testified as character witnesses for the PARSONS brothers at the original trial. The CORBETT sisters, upon being advised of the sentence connected with harboring any escaped subject, advised the Agents that they would gladly cooperate in furnishing any information which would assist in locating the subjects. Arrangements were made with Mr. ELMER THOMAS, Janitor of the Building, to notify this office if any information came to the attention of the CORBETT sisters.

Mr. FRED RICHARDSON, Chief of Police, Adyston, Ohio, was contacted by these Agents and arrangements were made through him by which Miss MARY EVELYN MILLWON, amice to the Chief, who resided directly over the apartment occupied by RUTH KENNEDY and her sister, VIRGINIA, would furnish to this office immediately any information pertaining to the subjects which could be obtained through this source.

Mrs. RUTH KENNEDY and her sister, VIRGINIA, were contacted by the Agents, at which time they advised that they would not cooperate in any manner and after being advised of the fact that they would be prosecuted for harboring in the event they assisted their brothers in any way, they both stated that they were not afraid of a Penitentiary term and would help their brothers in every manner possible and would, in fact, pay ~~them~~ their last dollar if it were required of them.

Agents also interviewed Miss VELMA DANTON, a former girl friend of CLARENCE PARSONS, who presently resides one block from the home of RUTH KENNEDY at which time Miss DANTON advised that any information coming to her attention would be furnished to this office immediately.

From these interviews Agents REAVES and AYER found no evidence that the PARSONS brothers had been in Adyston, Ohio, since their escape.

At NORTH BADE, OHIO, Agents REAVES and AYER interviewed Mrs. GOLDS KENNEDY, sister of the PARSONS brothers, at which time she gave the impression that she would help the boys if they showed up at her home. The Agents found a possibility, however, that one of the smaller children of GOLDS KENNEDY would possibly turn the boys in, should they appear at their home.

Mr. CLAUDE POWERS, who resides next door to GOLDS KENNEDY and who had previously turned the PARSONS boys in to the Sheriff, advised the Agents that he would keep an eye on the home of the KENNEDYS and report any

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suspicious actions coming to his attention.

Through these interviews the Agents found no evidence that the PARSONS boys had been in North Bend, Ohio, since their jail break.

Because of information obtained through a confidential source by Mr. JOHN DAVIS, Detective, Cincinnati Police Department to the effect that a Miss EUNICE JAGLAN, who roomed with a RUTH DRAEDLIE at the Waldorf Apartments, 3640 Reading Road, had returned to Kansas City, Kansas, plus the fact that both girls had moved from this address on the date of the jail break, and because there had been seen to enter the apartment of RUTH DRAEDLIE at the new address of 1305 Laidlow Ave., a surveillance was placed on that address from the home of PAUL R. McCARTY, Local Air Raid Warden, 1308 Laidlow Ave., by Special Agents L. L. LADD and J. MOSEY WILLIAMS, from February 14th through February 16th inclusive. The Agents observed no particular activity except the entrance of an unidentified man at a late hour during this period.

Upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge a raid was conducted by Special Agents ALLEN, LADDON, GREEN, ALLIEN and Detective JOHN DAVIS of the Cincinnati Police Department, at which time no unauthorized persons were discovered in this apartment and no indication was found that any such persons had been there.

Mrs. LOUISE TALLMAN and Miss RUTH DRAEDLIE were interviewed by Special Agent FREDERICK ALLEN, at which time they advised they had no knowledge of the escaped bank robbers and gave satisfactory explanations of all their activities. Neither woman had ever seen the man, whom photographs were exhibited to them, however, Mrs. TALLMAN stated she believed she had seen a man who closely resembled subject BEVER somewhere, but could not recall when.

On February 14, 1943, Mr. CARL RADLEY, Manager of the Dot Cab Company, 11th and Central, Newport, Kentucky, advised Special Agent WILLIAM BAIRD of the Louisville Office that a woman had come into his office at 6:00 A.M., that morning requesting a cab to Covington, Kentucky, and stated that she had left the Surf Club, Newport, Kentucky, but was someone had told her that two of the men who had escaped from the Hamilton County Jail were at the Surf Club at that time and since she was afraid of any trouble that might occur she had left there in a hurry.

Upon interview of Mr. RADLEY by Special Agent BAIRD and the writer, Mr. RADLEY advised that at the time this woman came into his office he was extremely busy and that before he was able to make any arrangements to establish the woman's identity she had taken a cab to Covington, Kentucky. He described this woman as being tall and slender between 25 and 30 years old. A check of the trip sheets of the Dot Cab Company, made by Special Agent BAIRD

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and the writer disclosed that the Cab Company during the evening of 2-13-43 had made approximately 200 trips to Newport and Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio. In view of the fact that Mr. RABLEY stated that the woman had requested a cab about 6:00 A.M., all trips made between 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. were checked by the Agents and no definite information could be obtained.

In view of the non-specific information obtained through this source, the lead has thus far not been followed.

On February 13, 1943, the writer contacted Sheriff C. TAYLOR HILLMAN at the Hamilton County Jail, at which time the Sheriff furnished the writer with a letter addressed to William Ratkey, Hamilton County Jail, postmarked Kansas City, Kansas, 2-12-43. The letter is set out, as follows:

"Dear Son:

"Received your letter, want to answer right away.  
Pop and I go to hospital twice a week. Don't know  
whether or not we will get our job back.

" You wrote to me about Aunt Kate and your uncle.  
Aren't you tired of them yet. We are tired of them  
and we don't know what to do. I feel so sorry for  
poor Leone. She is one that needs a lot of help.  
I feel sorry for the Suttie family also - they are  
in trouble.

(Signed) "Answer soon."

Return address - 250 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

The above information was furnished to the Kansas City  
Field Division by teletype on February 15, 1943.

The Sheriff also furnished a letter which was addressed to  
subject ~~Stanley~~ F. PARSONS, postmarked North Bend, Ohio, 2-13-43, signed JEDIE  
KRAMER, North Bend, Ohio. The body of the letter was noted by the writer but  
contained no pertinent information.

On February 13, 1943, an examination made by Special Agent  
CARL LUTCH and J. ROBERT WILLIAMS as to possible latent prints on the two stolen  
cars, allegedly stolen by the escapees, namely a Chevrolet Sedan 1941 model  
Motor #1955, 297, Ohio license 47 SH and 1935 model gray Ford Sedan, Motor  
18-214, 124 Ohio license 740 F. resulted in eight latent prints which were  
lifted and photographed by the Agents and which have been forwarded to the  
Technical Laboratory.

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On February 15, 1943, the Kansas City Office advised by teletype to the effect that the Kansas City Police Department had advised that subject RADKAY was supposed to have been married at Gary, Indiana, date, name of woman, and details not known. Further, that he had the following cousins, who are reported to be law-abiding and who might be able to give information concerning the reported marriage.

CHARLES RADKAY, 445 Maryland Street, Gary, Ind.  
JOHN RADKAY, 4545 Mass. Street, Gary, Ind.  
JOE RADKAY, 5024 Marva Place, East Chicago, Ind.

On February 15, 1943, United States Marshal DUFFU, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that Miss CLEM, Vernon Major Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, had called his office and advised that on Saturday morning, February 13, 1943, while having breakfast at about 11:30 o'clock at the Calico Cat on Reading Road, near Oak Street, she noticed a man come in who had reddish-brown hair and with sort of a square face. She stated further another man came in wearing a black and white checked coat which was much too tight for him. In greeting the first man the second stated in effect, "Are you still here? I thought you would be gone by now."

She described this man as having dark hair and that he wore a ring on his little finger but did not notice on which hand. She stated further that this man placed a long distance telephone call to Cleveland, Ohio, from the eating place. She stated this occurred before she had seen the papers and upon returning to the hotel and noting the photographs she identified the first man as subject RADKAY and the second as subject RICKETTS.

Miss JUDY HOLLER, waitress on duty at the Calico Cat, during the period mentioned by Miss CLEM, was interviewed by the writer and upon viewing the photographs of subjects RICKETTS, RADKAY and BEVER, partially identified subject RICKETTS as being in the Calico Cat and as the person making the call to Cleveland, Ohio.

Through a highly confidential source it was determined that from WOLFE 9323 issued to the Calico Cat Restaurant on Reading Road, two calls had been made to Cleveland, Ohio, on that date, the first being at 11:11 A.M., to Cleveland 3131 issued to Radio Service Station, 2nd and Jackson Sts., Cleveland, Ohio, and the second at 11:13 A.M., to Cleveland 3127, issued to F. J. LUGEL, AFD #2 Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. GEORGE MOON, Chief of Police, Cleveland, Ohio, when contacted by Special Agent FREDERICK AYER and the writer advised that the owner of Radio Service Station was GEORGE W. McMULLEN and that Mr. McMULLEN was a member of the Auxiliary Police Force of Cleveland, Ohio, and that any information



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desired would be treated strictly confidential by Mr. McMULLEN. Chief MOON then called Mr. McMULLEN to his home where Mr. McMULLEN was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent MEYER at which time he advised that he had in his employ an attendant by the name of EDWARD BEIHLE, who was on duty during the time of these telephone calls in question. Mr. McMULLEN was unable to furnish any information as to who might have received this phone call at his station, however, he stated that many unknown persons receive calls at his station without his knowledge and in fact made long distance calls from his station for which, in many instances, he did not even get a chance to collect.

After some deliberation he advised that EDWARD BEIHLE was not on duty that morning in that he had injured himself the previous day when a considerable portion of fluid from brakes had injured his eyes and that BEIHLE was home on Doctor's orders during this period. He advised that due to the absence of BEIHLE he had employed ROBERT CROGER, who had been on duty during this time and suggested that an interview might bring results as to who might have received the phone calls.

ROBERT CROGER was also brought to the home of Chief MOON where he advised that BEIHLE had received a call some time Saturday morning from some man, long distance, but he did not know the origin. Mrs. GEORGE MOON then advised that she had been a telephone operator in Loveland, Ohio, for 19 years previous to her marriage to the Chief of Police and that the BEIHLE family, parents of EDWARD BEIHLE, resided directly opposite the F. J. LAUGEL family, R.F.D. #2, Loveland, Ohio.

Upon receipt of this information EDWARD BEIHLE, attendant at the McMULLEN service station, was also interviewed at Chief MOON's home and advised that he had received no phone calls whatsoever while home upon the Doctor's orders. Several discrepancies were noted, however, in that first he stated no one had called him and then he admitted that there was a phone call from his girl friend who lives in Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Accompanied by Chief MOON the writer interviewed Mrs. F. J. LAUGEL, R.F.D. #2 Loveland, Ohio, at which time Mrs. LAUGEL advised that a call had been received by the BEIHLE family from a male person but she was unable to give the origin of the call. She stated she had known the BEIHLE family considerable period of time and she believed that their reputation was beyond question as to their association with anyone of questionable character.

Upon interview of BEIHLE's parents by Special Agent MEYER and the writer, it was learned that their son-in-law, DON VARNER, 220 E. 71st Street, Garthage, Ohio, employed at Sohio Service Station, Benson and Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, had called them sometime Saturday morning to advise them that his wife, who is the daughter of the BEIHLES had given birth to a baby boy. They further advised that VARNER had first attempted to contact his



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brother-in-law, EDWARD BEIHLE at Red's Service Station at Loveland and the call was then transferred to the LAUGEL phone and Mrs. LAUGEL had called Mrs. BEIHLE to the phone, corroborating the statement made by EDWARD BEIHLE that he had received no calls from any male person during that Saturday morning.

A photograph was exhibited to the writer by the BEIHLE family of their son-in-law, DON WALKER and it was noted that he bore a close resemblance to that of subject RICHETTS. No further investigation was conducted.

At 11:15 P.M., February 16, 1943, Captain GEORGE T. FEARCY, 7th District, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, advised the Cincinnati Office that Dr. CLOYDE WILSON of 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, while getting into his car in a parking lot at the rear of Bethesda Hospital, had been kidnapped and taken to a vacant house at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was bound and robbed of \$100.00 in currency, his medicine kit and his automobile. Captain FEARCY further advised that Dr. WILSON had managed to free his arms from the wire with which they had been bound and had, through the aid of a piece of wood, hobbled his way across the street to where contact was made with police by neighbors. Captain FEARCY advised that he had personally conducted an investigation and had assisted in extricating the Doctor from the numerous lengths of wire which had been placed around his ankles, legs and body.

Captain FEARCY further advised that the vacant home was owned by Mrs. FLOA. MILLER, who presently resides at the Alms Hotel and that the home had been entered by breaking the glass in the rear door entering into the kitchen. Captain FEARCY stated that the entire vacant house while filled with numerous articles packed in boxes from the basement to the third floor, gave the appearance of having been ransacked and looked as if someone had lived there for at least three days.

Accompanied by Special Agent FRED AYER and Captain FEARCY the writer conducted a thorough search of the house in question, at which time it was noted that in the kitchen on the floor were mattresses, bed blankets and also a cot, indicating that someone had used the kitchen in which to sleep. The second floor and the attic were noted to be filled with numerous articles and packages and the dresser drawers were found open and ransacked.

A search of the basement disclosed numerous bed blankets and empty cans of fruit and vegetables, which it was noted had been stored in cabinets in the basement. Captain FEARCY advised at this time that the blankets, according to Dr. WILSON, had been brought to the basement, by the three men who had abducted and robbed him, for the Doctor's convenience and assurance that he should not suffer from exposure. Captain FEARCY also advised that the brother of Mrs. MILLER, a former Captain of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Fire Department, was murdered about three years ago in Indiana, by cutting off his

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head and placing it in a cement block. Captain PELACY stated that Mrs. MILLER had, at that time, carried considerable life insurance on her brother and had also furnished the money with which to hire counsel for the man who was finally convicted and sentenced to the electric chair for the murder of her own brother.

He added, that while Mrs. MILLER acted as though she did not have all her faculties, he did not believe she was responsible or had any connection with the harboring of anyone in her vacant house.

On February 17, 1943, Dr. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, when interviewed by Special Agent FREDERICK AYER and the writer, positively identified all three subjects, RICHETTS, BEVER and R. DELAY as the three men who had kidnaped him and robbed him on the previous night, from photographs presented to him by the writer. It was noted that while Dr. WILSON was suffering somewhat from shock, upon seeing the photographs, his face lit up and there was no question about his identification.

Dr. WILSON gave the following description of events which occurred on the previous night -

He stated when he left the Bethesda Hospital and entered the parking space to get into his car a young man whom he identified as subject R. DELAY, walked up to his car and stated, "I want to see you Doc." When the Doctor opened the door another man, whom he identified as subject BEVER, slid in alongside of the Doctor in the driver's seat. A third man, whom the Doctor identified as subject RICHETTS, then came around the opposite side of the car and stated - "Doc. B. good and you won't get hurt."

Subject R. DELAY then took the place of BEVER and at this moment the Doctor stated he tooted his horn, at which time subject R. DELAY stated, "Cut his throat." Subject BEVER then stated, "Doc, get into the back seat over the top of the front seat." BEVER then sat on the left side of the rear seat, placed the Doctor alongside of him in the middle and said to subject RICHETTS, "Get in alongside of Doc."

At this moment subject BEVER stated, "Where is your purse?" The Doctor advised him that it was in his hip pocket and subject BEVER reached in and got it and took from the purse \$50.00 in currency, A and C Ration books and personal papers and identification cards, but the latter were returned to the Doctor when he requested them. The Doctor stated at this time they started driving out the parking lot of the hospital and he was told to get down on the floor between the front and rear seat. While driving around for what the Doctor thought was about fifteen minutes subject R. DELAY asked about the gas rationing books and how to use the coupons, indicating that they had had no previous experience with the gas rationing system.

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Doctor WILSON stated he fully explained the procedure to the subjects. He stated that at the time they left the hospital his gas tank was about one quarter full. The Doctor stated that during the fifteen-minute ride subject RICKETTS asked him if there was any morphine or dope in his grip. Doctor stated that he had approximately two grams of morphine. Dr. WILSON was of the opinion from the tone of RICKETTS question that RICKETTS might be a dope user.

The Doctor said after this fifteen-minute trip they stopped at a corner, at which time subject BEVER stated "Here is where you get out. We will get out first. Now don't start any rumpus because we don't want to hurt you." Subject RICKETTS then said, "I'll get out first" and then subject BEVER got out. Subject RICKETTS then said to the Doctor, "You get out". Doctor WILSON stated that subject RICKETTS led the way to the house and subject BEVER followed him. Subject RICKETTS then stated "Follow me." "Down the steps into the cellar." The Doctor remarked that subject RICKETTS left the car, unlocked the kitchen door, went into the basement and unlocked the basement door where RICKETTS and BEVER were waiting with the Doctor. After the door was opened subject BEVER said, "Let's take Doc upstairs." Subject RICKETTS then said - "No. It's too cold." Subject BEVER then said "Let's shake him down again," and at this time took from the Doctor's left pants pocket \$30.00 more in U. S. currency and change. Subject BEVER then asked, "Have you got a knife?" and when the Doctor answered in the affirmative, BEVER took it from the right hip pocket. At this point the Doctor asked them if it was possible for him to sit down because he was tired, at which subject RICKETTS produced a box for the Doctor to sit on. Subject BEVER then left and said to subject RICKETTS, "Watch this fellow and if he tries anything let him have it." Subject RICKETTS replied, "I will."

Subject BEVER then said, "I'll help JOE. We're going to haul some jugs out of here. I will be back." The Doctor said BEVER was gone about twenty minutes and then he returned he said, "Doc, I've got to tie you up." BEVER then went upstairs and brought back a considerable length of covered electric wire together with uncovered copper wire, plus numerous bed blankets. The Doctor stated the blankets were placed on the basement floor and after BEVER asked the Doctor what shape his overcoat was in, subject RICKETTS stated to BEVER, "It's cold in here. Let Doc wear it." BEVER then said, "Where are your gloves. Put them on and lie down." "Now I'm going to tie your feet," and later, "I'm tying your hands starting with the left and fastening it to the left foot" and the same procedure was followed by BEVER in tying the Doctor's right hand to his right foot.

Subject RICKETTS then said, "We should tie his arms to his sides." Subject BEVER then went back for more wire which was the uncovered copper type which subject RICKETTS wrapped around the doctor's arms and shoulders

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fifteen or twenty times from shoulder to elbow. Then subject RICKETTS fastened one end to a table and the other end to what the Doctor thought was a stove.

Doctor WILSON stated before he was securely tied subject RALPHY came down into the basement and the three subjects engaged in animated conversation, of which the Doctor was only able to gather a few words in that the Doctor said it sounded to him like gibberish or Latin. The Doctor stated that subject RALPHY at no time touched him personally.

After subjects BEVER and RALPHY had again left the basement subject RICKETTS while talking to the Doctor said he was sorry he was in the business so deep that he could not get out and sorry that he had to treat the Doctor that way and also said that after they were gone someone would come to release him. The Doctor asked subject RICKETTS if he would get his car back or his grip, to which RICKETTS replied that he would talk to the other boys, realizing that Doctor's instruments, particularly during this time, were hard to get.

The Doctor further stated that while they took most of the money from his pants pocket, they left enough change and stated that "After you're loose, Doc, you'll be able to get home on a street car." Subject RICKETTS then asked of the Doctor, "Will anyone miss you?" Doctor WILSON stated he told RICKETTS, "Yes, my wife. I called her before leaving the hospital and she is expecting me home." To this RICKETTS replied, "Do you and your wife live alone?" RICKETTS also asked if the Doctor had any guns in his home. The Doctor stated while he had guns at home he told subject RICKETTS that he had none. The Doctor stated he waited a few minutes after all three subjects had left and after about five minutes was able to untie his hands and arms to the extent that through this aid he was able to crawl up the basement stairs where he procured a stick of wood with which he supported himself and hobbled across the street to the home of Mrs. CLARA LINDHOLM, 625 Cream Street, who notified the police for him. He stated that in about twenty minutes after this the police arrived.

At the time the subjects left they also told the Doctor that it was O.K. for him to call the police. RICKETTS was also heard to say when the subject of doing away with the Doctor was brought up among the subjects, that "This fellow reminds me too much of my father and I don't want to see any harm come to him." The Doctor said all indications were that the other two subjects wanted to do away with him, however, he stated that he at no time saw any sort of weapon in their possession and he was paying close attention to this because he was on the lookout for anything which they might use to do him bodily harm. Dr. WILSON advised that the numbers of his gas rationing books had been obtained by him from Ration Board #4, at 2911 Woodburn Avenue and they

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are, as follows:

Ration Book A  
F 569,279 AK

Ration Books C  
F 659,031 U2  
F 659,032 U2

He stated that the "C" books were almost full and that he believed there were about two #1 stamps left in the "A" book and that the #5 stamp is not valid until sometime in March.

Dr. WILSON described his car which was stolen from him by the subjects as a 1938 model Chrysler Sedan, color blue, license 1942 Ohio 242 AK, Motor C 18-3092. Dr. WILSON valued his car at \$903.00.

It should be noted that the theft of the Doctor's car and the incident of the kidnaping were reported to all law enforcement agencies in the immediate vicinity, were given in a general radio broadcast by Station X of the Cincinnati Police Department which covers a one hundred mile area and also were given to the Ohio State Highway Patrol at Wilmington, Ohio.

The information was also forwarded by conference teletype to the following Field Offices: Albany, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Huntington, Indianapolis, Louisville, Milwaukee, New York, Atlanta, Kansas City, Little Rock, St. Louis, St. Paul, Miami and Pittsburgh.

It should be noted that to date no information has been received concerning the recovery of the car stolen from Doctor WILSON.

On February 18, 1943, Mrs. GLOUCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, wife of Dr. Wilson, furnished the Cincinnati Field Office with a special delivery air mail letter which had been received by her on that date, postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, 12:30 P.M., photostat copy of which is being retained in instant file, the original of which has been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for handwriting specimen and latent fingerprint examination. The body of such letter states -

"The Doctor is in a corner vacant house on  
Winslow and Crown Street tied up in the  
basement."

After skipping several lines the address again was written, "Winslow and Crown Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio." Below this is a diagram designating the questioned house at the intersection of Crown and Winslow Sts., bordered in the back by William Taft Road.

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On the same date Major EMMETT KIRGAN, Chief of Detectives Cincinnati Police Department, furnished the Cincinnati Office with a letter addressed to the Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, 12:30 P.M., 2-17-43, the original of which has been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, and the body of which stated, "Man tied up in a house on corner of Crown and Winslow, Cincinnati, Ohio, in basement." Below this was set out the diagram as described in previous letter.

Opinion rendered by Major KIRGAN and other Detectives of the Cincinnati Police Department is to the effect that the mailing of these letters from Louisville, Kentucky, may be a ruse and that the subjects are actually presently in Cincinnati, Ohio. All logical leads are being carried out with this thought in mind.

Arrangements have been made with Station X of the Cincinnati Police Department to have reported to the Cincinnati Office all automobile larcenies which may have connection with the escape of the three subjects since their escape from the County Jail bearing in mind the fact that they may still be in Cincinnati and may steal another car with which to leave Cincinnati.

Carbon copy of teletype received by the Cincinnati Office 2-18-43, from Kansas City, reflects that birth records at Kansas City, Kansas, reflect WILLIAM RATHLY born there September 24, 1911. Kansas City Police Department records reflect the following:

As WILLIAM RATHLY arrested 11-3-30 charge disturbing the peace, disposition 11-4-30, fined \$5.00.

As WILLIAM RATHLY arrested 6-3-31 charge vagrancy and highway robbery; disposition 7-24-31 dismissed for want of prosecution.

As WILLIAM RATHLY #4731, arrested 11-5-31, charge highway robbery; disposition turned over to State.

As WILLIAM RATHLY, arrested SO Kansas City, Kansas, 11-10-31; charge highway robbery; disposition 12-17-41 released Kansas City, Missouri Sheriff's office.

As WILLIAM RATHLY, arrested SO Kansas City, Missouri, 12-17-41 charge highway robbery; disposition, released on \$10,000.00 bond 3-19-42; jumped bond.

This teletype gives near relatives as follows:

Father  
Mother

Deceased  
VERA RATHLY TOMSKOVICH  
510 Split Log, Kansas City, Kansas

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| Sister         | Mrs. AGNES UZIEL<br>729 Orville, Kansas City, Kansas.               |
| Brother        | JOSEPH R. TRAY, living with mother.                                 |
| Step-sister    | ELIZABETH THOMAS, living with mother.                               |
| Step-brother   | FRANK THOMAS, U. S. Army  |
| Foster parents | ISAAC and MARY R. DRAKE,<br>250 W. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. |

The teletype states further that SAMUEL RICKETTS was born in Atchison County, Kansas, December 28, 1914. He has the following near relatives:

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| Mother  | Mrs. JULIA RICKETTS<br>3023 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri.   |
| Father  | THOMAS RICKETTS, disappeared in 1926, believed dead.   |
| Brother | HENRY LARSON, lives with mother  |
| Sisters | DOROTHY ROSS GOULDING,<br>3011 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri<br>Mrs. STELLA DAVIS, 1324 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.<br>Mrs. VERNON WILLIAMS, 2419 South Hill, Rosedale, Kansas.<br>Mrs. RUTH HOLMWAY, R.R. #10, North, Kansas City, Mo. |
| Wife    | Mrs. MOLL RICKETTS, also known as KAY CARROLL and<br>KAY RICKETTS, 3825 Central Ave., Kansas City, Missouri.   |

HARRY RALPH BEVER was born at Hill Grove, Missouri, September 13, 1916. He has the following listed near relatives:

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| Mother   | Mrs. ELEANOR BEVER,<br>115 E. 33rd Street, Kansas City, Mo.   |
| Father   | OSCAR BEVER,<br>115 E. 33rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.  |
| Brothers | THOMAS ROBERT BEVER<br>3424 Harrison Ave.,<br>Kansas City, Missouri.<br>ROBERT BEVER, United States Army. |

On February 17, 1943, at approximately 7:15 A.M., Mr. JIM MITCHELL telephonically contacted the Cincinnati Office and advised that his son, EDWARD MITCHELL, and his two daughters living at Dayton, Ohio, had reported to him that CHARLES LARSON was at their home at Dayton, on the night of February 16th last. Mr. JIM MITCHELL wanted an Agent to investigate this.

Immediately after this call another telephone message



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was received from the Associated Press, a Mr. FRYE, who stated that they had heard that the police had captured the PARSONS brothers. He stated he had received his information through District #3, Cincinnati Police Department.

Upon telephonic contact with District #3, Patrolman WEINBERG advised that the PARSONS brothers had surrendered to the police at a vacant house at 101 Belmont Street in Riverside, Ohio. The Patrolman advised further that the PARSONS brothers were presently on their way to Headquarters in the custody of the police.

Accompanied by Special Agents PAUL RIFLE, CHARLES REAVES, JOSEPH C. VANAUGH, FREDERICK AYER, the writer proceeded to Station X where the PARSONS boys were found in the custody of the Detectives of the Cincinnati Police Department. It was noted that they were being questioned as to their escape and their activities since their escape by the detectives in the presence of newspaper reporters. Also present was Sheriff C. TAYLOR HAMILTON and it was noted that arrangements had been made by the police with the Sheriff, to immediately transport the PARSONS brothers to the Hamilton County Jail.

It was ascertained at the time of the PARSONS brothers arrest they were in the company of DORIS ELLA MITCHELL and ELIA VIRGINIA MITCHELL both of Addyston, Ohio, 15 and 17 years of age respectively. The MITCHELL girls were transported to the Hamilton County Jail with the PARSONS brothers in a patrol wagon.

Upon arrival at the Hamilton County Jail request was made of the Sheriff by the writer, for an interview with all subjects at which time the writer and Special Agent CHARLES REAVES interviewed subjects ARTHUR PARSONS and his brother, CHARLACE. Signed statements were obtained from them as to their activities in the actual escape and they were particularly questioned as to any knowledge they might have concerning the present whereabouts of the other three escapes. While they declined to make any information known to the writer and Special Agent REAVES in the signed statements taken from the MITCHELL girls by Special Agent PAUL RIFLE and FREDERICK AYER it was learned that the PARSONS brothers had made known to them the intentions of the other three subjects and their possible itinerary. Signed statements of the PARSONS brothers are being set out as well as those of the MITCHELL daughters. The statements made by the MITCHELL daughters are also being set out in a new file involving the charges and arrest of their parents for concealing the PARSONS brothers and that of HIRSH SCOTT, all of Addyston, Ohio, and will be made a part of this latter file.

Both PARSONS boys, while voluntarily giving these statements, refused to sign them, requesting the interviewing Agents to return in several days at which time they might sign, and in the meantime they wanted to talk to



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their Attorney. They both readily admitted their escape and their part in the escape:

"Hamilton County Jail  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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"I, CLARENCE ALBERT HICKS, make the following voluntary statement to Mr. JOHN RAITER and C. E. REAVES, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, knowing that it may be used in any court of law.

"About 1 month ago, RALPH, BEVER, RICKETTS, my brother, ARTHUR and I, had talked about breaking jail, and several times since. On evening of February 12, 1943, we all agreed that this was the night to go. We agreed that I was to sit near the door of our cell block, and that BEVER and I were to grab the guard. RALPH and RICKETTS said that they would get the door open. After the water started to run across the floor several boys in our cell block yelled for a mop. When the guard, named AL, brought the mop, BEVER and I grabbed him, and locked him in a cell. RICKETTS, RALPH, my brother, ARTHUR, they ran through the dining room. Then I saw them again RALPH came back and talked to BEVER, then BEVER climbed over the door. And when the guard named DENNIS WILK entered, BEVER jumped him, and the rest of us, RALPH, RICKETTS, ARTHUR and I ran out. RALPH and I ran upstairs, where we got the matron and brought her along with other guards to main jail cell block hallway where we locked them in a cell. Then I came out RALPH was in the elevator, after he got it started, and thought he stopped it, but it kept going down. The five of us then slid down on the cables to next floor below. We then ran down stairs to where we met a guard on first floor. He asked the guard to show us out, he said "I can't wait in on this." But agreed to show us the way out. He showed us to first floor, where the five of us jumped out in a window to court yard. I was the first out. After reaching the ground we climbed back into Court House and then out onto a rain low to street. I walked towards town I slipped on Main Street, then I turned left and across 1 block, then left again toward the river. I then walked along the river to a garage some distance past the last bridge, where I slept in a car. Then I walked some more the next day. I would have to stop often because to walk up, and rest my feet because I injured them when I jumped from the jail. I walked until Sunday afternoon, when I reached the abandoned house near "Farabak Dam", where I was arrested today.

"As to the girls that were with us, I know them sometime before I was arrested the first time. They happened by the house this afternoon, when ARTHUR and I called to them. I know the girls as DONNA and VIRGINIA MITCHELL. I do not know anything about the whereabouts of RALPH, BEVER and RICKETTS nor where they were going.

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"I sign this written statement consisting of 2 pages, after reading it and initialing all mistakes.

"After asking CLARENCE PARSONS to sign he stated while everything in statement is the truth, he wanted to sign it some other day."

Witness:

JOHN REITER, F.B.I.

CHARLES A. REEDS, F.B.I.

"Hamilton County Jail  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 17, 1943.

"Statements of ARTHUR PARSONS, made voluntarily in the presence of Special Agents C. A. REEDS and JOHN REITER of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"About 2 weeks ago, I heard RALPH, BEVER and RICHETTS talking in a language which sounded like Latin. From this conversation I gathered that something was being planned. From time to time one of the three would say to me, 'Tell PARSONS your going to serve 75 years, what are you going to do about it.'

"On Friday February 12th, 1943, while in cell with RALPH, RICHETTS, BEVER and myself and brother CLARENCE I noticed something wrong when a car was being split on the jail floor. I heard TONY TRANT holler for a cop. When the guard brought the cop, RALPH, RICHETTS and BEVER jumped the guard. At that time I was walking the range I heard several guys holler its a break. I thought I might as well go. When I reached the main jail door I saw BEVER beating DEAN'S AKA guard. I do not like to see people beaten and asked BEVER to stop. All five RALPH, RICHETTS, BEVER, brother CLARENCE, then with our way out of the County building and finally jumped to the street.

"Just before leaving jail RICHETTS went to where jail matron was and brought her down to the main part of the jail, where she was locked up. After reaching street RALPH, BEVER, RICHETTS and myself got into a V-8 Ford, color black, which had been stopped by BEVER. BEVER asked the man and woman to get out, RALPH then drove the car all over town looking for an apartment. Then RALPH decided to get on their car. He left BEVER, RICHETTS and I sitting in the first car. After about 10 minutes he drove up in another car, the 3 of

Re: HARRY ALVIN BEYER, was. et al - FUGITIVES

us then got into the car RUDOLPH was driving. He then drove into Eden Park, where officers started to chase us and shooting at us. We tried to get away. After skidding off the road I started running. I don't know what happened to the other 3 fellows. I went to a home near Eden Park where I got a pair of pants and a blue pullover sweater. I then walked street car line toward river and followed the railroad tracks down the river until I reached an abandoned house near Adyston, Ohio. When I arrived there my brother CLARENCE was waiting for me. I arrived at the abandoned house sometime after noon the following day. My brother and I stayed at this place until we were arrested today.

"As to the girls that were with us, they happened by this afternoon about 3:00 P.M. After we called to them they came over and were with us until we were arrested. He had known these girls from previous visits, and knew their first names as VIRGINIA and DORIS.

"After asking ARTHUR J. JOHNSON to sign he stated he had watch the agent write it and that it was the truth but refused to sign.

Witness:

JOHN REITER, F.B.I.

CHARLES H. REEVES, F.B.I."

"Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943.

"I, ELLA VIRGINIA MITCHELL of Main Street, Adyston, Ohio, make the following voluntary statement to FREDERICK WEAVER, JR., and PAUL E. WEAVER, when I knew to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I just met ARTHUR and CLARENCE JOHNSON last summer in North Bend, Ohio. We dated them about twice at that time. I attended one day of their trial for kidnaping and was told that they are charged with kidnaping and rape.

"Yesterday, February 16, at about 2:30 P.M. I went walking along the river bank in Adyston with my sister, ELLA MITCHELL, looking for my brother. As we went by a house either CLARENCE or ARTHUR JOHNSON stuck his head out the window and said, 'Hey we're glad to see you.'

"We went in and asked them how they got out. They said they had jumped the guards, slid down the elevator shaft and eventually got out jail. That, together with the three bank robbers they had stolen an automobile when they had thrown away the keys to the first car they left and that CLARENCE and ARTHUR had taken another car and headed towards Eden Park. They said that they had tried to get away and that the cops chased them and shot at them. Then they wrecked their car and left on foot. I asked them

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where they went after that and where they got their clothes. They wouldn't tell me. They wouldn't tell us any more about how they got out. They did say that they were going to try to get guns and hold up a bank.

"I couldn't find out whether they had told the people whose house they were staying in who they were. ARTHUR just told me that the man who owned the house had told him that he and CLARENCE could stay there and live and eat. ARTHUR said that he had told the man that he would fix up some of his windows and plaster for his place.

"ARTHUR told me he and CLARENCE planned the break from the Hamilton County Jail.

"During the whole time from 3 A.M. until 7 P.M. when the cops came in we played cards and talked. I never went to bed with either boy and neither of them asked me to.

"During the course of the conversation both of them told me that 'Red' and the other two bank robbers were planning to rob another bank after they had gotten guns. They told me that the three men were heading for Kansas City to do this job.

"I have read the above statement of me and 7/8 pages. It is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No promises or other inducements were used in obtaining it from me and I realize that it may be used in a court of law. I have initialed all changes and such parts.

Signed. EMIL VIRGINIA MITCHELL.

Witnessed:

FREDERICK AYER, JR., Special Agent F.B.I.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

PAUL E. RIFFLE, Special Agent, F.B.I.  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943."

"Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943

"I, EMIL VIRGINIA MITCHELL of 1714 St., Dayton, Ohio, make the following voluntary statement to FREDERICK AYER, JR. and PAUL E. RIFFLE, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Re: HARRY ALAN BEVER, v. s. et al - FUGITIVES.

"I first met the HASSONS brothers, CLARENCE and ARTHUR about May of 1942 at North Bend, Ohio. I had a few dates at that time.

"The next time I saw them was about three o'clock in Riverside. They were in a house and looked out the window and told us to come on in. We did this and played cards for awhile, the HASSONS, my sister, VIRGINIA, and myself. After awhile I got tired of playing cards and lay down. At that time the police came in.

"ARTHUR told me about stealing two automobiles and said he and 'Red' Beaver were together in a car in Eden Park when they were chased by the police. He and Red separated after the car was wrecked and met again somewhere near Broadway in Cincinnati. Bill and Sam stayed together and CLARENCE went off by himself. He told me that he was never in Eden Park. He said that he took a bus to Fairbank and then walked along the river. He and ARTHUR said they met again in S. Glen Park or Adelstein and had been in the house in Riverside since Monday. This house belonged to Mrs. HANES. I knew this because her name was on the blanket on the bed.

"ARTHUR said that after separating from 'Red' Beaver he jumped onto a freight train somewhere but was knocked off and scratched his head. He then said that he next met 'Red' Beaver in Cincinnati somewhere and that 'Red' asked him to steal another car for him and drive with him to Kansas City. This ARTHUR said he wouldn't do.

"Both HASSONS boys said that the three bank robbers had talked about getting more runs and robbing another bank.

"CLARENCE asked me if his sister knew about the jail break but I couldn't tell him as we, my sister and I, were not allowed out of the house.

"From the conversation I knew that CLARENCE and either 'Red' Beaver or BILL HANES planned the break in. I had heard it planned for two or three months. Also I believe that ARTHUR and CLARENCE told me that the other three men weren't planning to rob any more banks until they got to Missouri.

"CLARENCE also told me that he and 'Red' Beaver first jumped the guard and that Red was the one who beat up Dennis Ryan. Clarence was the one who went to get the women and lock her up. When they jumped out the window Clarence got left and had to kick the glass out of the door. They got from the 6th floor to the 4th floor by sliding down the elevator cable. I'm not sure how they got from the 4th to the first floor.

Re: RAYMOND ALAN SEVER, was. et al - FUGITIVES.

"The statement which I made at the beginning to the Agents of the F.B.I. that the first time I saw the PARSONS boys was today, is not true. My sister, VIRGINIA and I saw both of them yesterday along the railroad at 54th Park. They told me that they had broken jail and how they had done it. We talked for about ten minutes.

"That night I and my sister went to the movies. I knew the boys were wanted by the police and the F.B.I. I told my mother and father that I had seen them and they told me to stay in the house and that it was too late to call the police. In spite of this I went with my sister VIRGINIA to visit the PARSONS boys today.

"I also knew that NICHOLAS SCOTT knew that the PARSONS boys were in Adhyton because he talked to my mother and father about it last night before I went to the show.

"I know I was doing wrong in not reporting this to the police because I liked the boys too much.

"I never slept with either of the PARSONS boys but CLARENCE did ask me to go to bed with him today. He did kiss me but we never went upstairs. He tried quite hard to make me and he asked me to spend the night. I wouldn't. They also asked my sister to spend the night with him, but she also refused.

"Last summer I generally visited CLARENCE and VIRGINIA generally visited ARTHUR. I was in love with CLARENCE.

"NICHOLAS SCOTT came down to the show around 9 o'clock last night and wanted me to go with him to meet someone. I did not go. He told my mother and father that he knew the PARSONS boys were just in Delhi.

"The first time that I knew that the boys were in the house in Delhi was when RUTH KENNELT's little girl told us that they were there. This was yesterday afternoon and my sister and I went to look for them. When we found them on the railroad track they asked us to date them last night. I told them we were going to the show and we arranged to make a date with them at the house where they were staying this afternoon.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 3 2/3 pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No promises or other inducements were used to obtain it from me and I realize that it may be used in court. I have initialed each page and each correction.

(Signed) DANN ELL MITCHELL

Witnessed:

FREDLICK LEEK, JR., Special Agent,  
F.B.I. Cincinnati

PAUL E. LITTLE, Special Agent,  
F.B.I. Cincinnati, Ohio

February 27, 1943.

Re: HARRY RALPH HEVER, w.o.s. FUGITIVE et al.

It should be noted that the PARSONS brothers were fingerprinted and photographed by the Cincinnati Police Department. The MITCHELL girls were fingerprinted and photographed by Bureau Agents; their fingerprints are being forwarded to the Identification Division and their photographs are being retained in the Cincinnati file.

On February 18, 1943, United States Commissioner W. PAUL GAOCHESMAN arraigned the PARSONS brothers while in the Hamilton County Jail, at which time the PARSONS brothers, through the instructions of their attorney, entered a plea of not guilty but waived final hearing. The Commissioner set their bond at \$25,000. each. On the same date CLARENCE and LETHBR PARSONS were moved from the Hamilton County Jail by United States Marshal Sisson and his deputies, to the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Michigan, for safe-keeping.

The facts concerning the concealment of the PARSONS brothers since their escape will be set out in the case entitled, "NICKOLAS SCOCOCO, also known as MIKE SCOTT; EVERETT MITCHELL; FLORENCE MITCHELL; HARBORING; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS."

Upon information obtained by JOHN DAVIS, Detective, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, from a confidential informant to the effect that a LUCILLE BLANDFORD, who worked with a cane and who resided at 410 Catherine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, was the former wife of subject RICKETTS, the following investigation was conducted and will be continued further -

It was learned from Detective DAVIS' informant that a Mr. FRANK SPIVAK, 2536 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, a real estate dealer knew the background of LUCILLE BLANDFORD and that he also supposedly had information to the effect that she was the former wife of subject RICKETTS. SPIVAK was interviewed by Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JIM SCHOTT and the writer on February 19, 1943, at which time SPIVAK advised that he was a former boyfriend of LUCILLE BLANDFORD and that when he knew her she resided at 410 Catherine Street as indicated by Detective JOHN DAVIS' informant. He stated that he had not heard from LUCILLE BLANDFORD for some period of time indicating about three years, but after further questioning admitted he had heard from her telephonically approximately two months ago when she informed him that her husband had died and that she was operating a tavern in either Maumee or Batavia, Ohio, and at this time she indicated to SPIVAK that she was anxious of selling this tavern.

It was noted that SPIVAK appeared hesitant in answering direct questions indicating that he had knowledge of this marriage. SPIVAK referred the Detectives and the writer to a colored man who is the

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Janitor in an apartment building at the intersection of Burnet Ave., and Catherine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Proceeding to that address the detectives and the writer immediately recognized this colored janitor as the same one who was interviewed concerning the garages that had been rented by subjects BEVER, RICKETS and RUDLEY prior to the Avondale Branch Bank Robbery on October 31, 1942. When questioned as to a woman walking with a cane he stated that she had resided in the building in which he was janitor and that she had moved approximately ten days prior to the date of the interview and he knew her as RUTH SMITH. In further questioning of this colored janitor he admitted that the person in whom we were interested, HELEN BLANDFORD, was actually known to him and that while he knew her she had lived at 410 Catherine Street and in fact his wife had done the laundry for the Blandford sisters while they resided at that address. He stated he was certain that she was not the same person as RUTH SMITH. Investigation at 410 Catherine Street reflected that the janitor at that address is a Mr. HUGH FRESTON and upon inquiry for this person the writer and the detectives interviewed Mrs. FRESTON, who advised that her husband was working at Wright Aeronautical Corporation and was also janitor of that building.

Vigorous questioning developed that HUGH FRESTON was actually a witness to the Avondale Branch Bank Robbery in that he was a customer at the bank and upon being interviewed on the day after the robbery Mr. FRESTON indicated he would be able to identify one or more of the participants in the hold-up, however, when given an opportunity to view the subjects in the Hamilton County Jail on January 1, 1943, he neglected to identify any of the subjects.

One outstanding fact that seems prevalent is that in the admissions made by subject BEVER to St. Paul Agents as to his part in the Avondale Branch robbery, October 31, 1942, he advised the St. Paul Agents that they had kept the Plymouth automobile, which was found in their possession at Minneapolis, in a garage at the address of what he believed was 3415 Burnet Ave., and that it was a grey building with numerous garages in the back, and that the janitor for this building was white.

It is noted that the building of which FRESTON is presently the janitor fits this description and while there is no 3415 Burnet Ave., there is a 3414 Burnet Ave., and the garages connected with the building in which FRESTON is janitor could appear to be connected with 3414 Burnet Ave.

Detective DAVIS is re-contacting his confidential informant to obtain more detailed information as to any connection these addresses may possibly have with the subjects at the present time, in view of the fact that there is every indication that they involved preceding the bank robbery.

PENDING



Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. FUGITIVE et al.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

\* ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS REPORT

All offices receiving copies of this report, and who have reports on the cases entitled "SAMUEL RICKETTS, was. FUGITIVE; WILLIAM ISAAC RICKETTS, was. FUGITIVE; HARRY RALPH BEVER, was. FUGITIVE; AVONDALE BAKER, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, 10-31-42;" with the character "BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; SELECTIVE SERVICE; FEDERAL FINANCES ACT" are requested to review their files with a view to developing any information that can be used in setting out leads for the apprehension of the subjects. All relatives and associates should be contacted and advised of the prosecutive action that will be taken against them if they harbor or assist the fugitives in this case, and seek their cooperation.

CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

At CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will maintain close contact with Detectives JOHN DAVIS and JIM SCHOTT, concerning information they have developed that one LUCILLE BLANDFORD, formerly residing at 410 Catharine Street, Cincinnati, is the former wife of subject RICKETTS.

Will follow and report prosecutive action of CLARENCE and ARTHUR WILSONS for violation of Section 753 H Title 18 USCA.

\* Will contact at CO-NEE DEVOLROS, employed at Benny Friedman's Restaurant, Burnett Ave., near Goodale Ave., in that she has agreed to be of assistance to the Cincinnati Office in the event subjects RICKETTS, BEVER and RICKETTS attempt to contact her or correspond with her.

\* Will also keep in close contact with Major KIRGAN, Chief of Detectives, Cincinnati Police Department, concerning the possible theft of automobiles or automobile plates in Cincinnati subsequent to the escape of the subjects.

\* Will also maintain contact with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Jailers at the Hamilton County Jail, concerning any information that may come to their attention or any correspondence that may presently be in the mails for the subjects, which have as yet not been received.

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At SCOTTSBURG, INDIAN.

Will conduct investigation as per teletype dated

Re: HARRY RAMON BEVER, was. FUGITIVE et al.

2-21-43 at Indianapolis, in effect that BEN SIMON and BILLY SIMON may have knowledge or connection with subject BEVER.

At Gary, Indiana

Will contact CHARLES RABKAY, 445 Maryland Street and JOHN RABKAY, 4545 Massachusetts Street, concerning any information they may have relative to subjects.

At East Chicago, Indiana

Will contact JOE RABKAY, 5024 Harve Place, for any information he may have regarding subjects.

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will establish who Aunt KATH, LEONA and the SUTLEC family are and interview them as to any information they may have concerning subject RABKAY. It should be noted that this information was obtained from letter addressed to subject RABKAY at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked Kansas City, Kansas, 2-12-43, and apparently written by subject's mother, bearing the return address 250 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

\* AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will interrogate E. (NEOLA) RICHETTS at 3825 Central Ave., the wife of subject RICHETTS, concerning the present whereabouts of her husband and the other subjects.

At 2711 Hiary or, Gary Street, will interrogate "THELMA O.R. BILLY" concerning the present whereabouts of subject RICHETTS to whom she has recently written. Will also interrogate her concerning the identity of "ROY M. JOHNSON" who also recently sent a letter to subject RICHETTS.

Will interview THOMAS "GLEN" BEVER, 3424 Harrison St., concerning the present whereabouts of his brother and the other subjects. Will also question him concerning the identity and present whereabouts of the "CLEVELAND" MARGARET and "COLLIER". It is noted that these three individuals were mentioned in the recent letter from him to subject BEVER.

Will review report of Special Agent MILTON B. DICKERSON dated 1-19-43 at Kansas City, and contact all known relatives of the three bank robbery subjects; also will contact appropriate law enforcement agencies and apprise them of the fact that these subjects have caused their escape.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, W.P.S. FUGITIVE et al.

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

At NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Will keep in contact with confidential informants to elicit any information that may assist in locating subjects BEVER, RALPH and RICHARDS. Also keep in contact with the Manager of the Dot Cab Co., 3rd and York Streets, Newport, concerning the unknown woman who claims to have seen subjects in the Surf Club on the morning of February 14, 1943.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning Mrs. JANE KILLAM, husband of JOSEPH KILLAM, employee of General Motors, as instrument worker, in that Mrs. KILLAM is a former girl friend of subject BEVER and seek her cooperation as per teletype dated 2-13-43 from the St. Paul Field Division.

\* ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

At ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Will review their files and cover all logical leads that the St. Paul office has developed in previous investigations as to contacts on lady friends of subjects RALPH, BEVER and RICHARDS and apprise all law enforcement agencies of the fact that the subjects have caused their escape at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Title-

HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases et al

Special Agent

JOHN A. REITER

Date

2/22/43

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 26, 1943

RLB:RSH

File # 76-9796

EX - 45

Re: Harry Ralph Sawyer, with aliases, et al. Lab. # 97734  
Fugitives  
Escaped Federal Prisoners  
Federal Escape Act

Examination requested by: Cincinnati (76-966)

Reference: Letter February 12, 1943

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens: Feenan

- Q1 Envelope postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, addressed to Mrs. Cloyce Wilson, 3557 Lockport Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Doctor is in a corner...."
- Q3 Envelope postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, addressed to Chief of Police, Station 1, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q4 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Men tied up in....."

Result of examination

The above-listed questioned evidence was compared with the signatures appearing on the fingerprint cards for Harry Sawyer, FBI #2413512, William McKay, FBI #711699, and Samuel Ricketts, FBI #1426357. Although no conclusion could be reached as to whether any of these subjects wrote the questioned evidence, because the writing was not comparable, similarities were noted which indicated that the questioned writing was partially written

Mr. Tolson Harry Sawyer.

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg Specimen Q1 consisted of an envelope made of white bond paper measuring 5.50 inches to 5.65 inches in length, 3.60 inches to 3.62 inches in width, having a thickness of 0.0040 inches to 0.0042 inches, and weighing 1.6014 grams. This paper has a light density value of 1.95 to 1.97.

Mr. Rosen COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. Tracy Specimen Q2 consisted of a sheet of ruled white linen paper measuring 1.60 inches to 1.61 inches in width, 6.40 inches to 6.61 inches in length, having a thickness of 0.0031 inches to 0.0036 inches, and weighing 1.9755 grams. This paper has a light density value of 0.90 to 0.92, and has a substance number of 20.

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Mr. Coffey FEB 26 1943 P M

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Kramer

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Mr. Gandy

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*[Handwritten signature and initials]*

Specimen 31 consisted of a white band envelope with characteristics similar to those of 31. 34 consisted of a sheet of white ruled lin. paper with characteristics similar to those of 32.

Specimens 31 through 34 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report is being given on this phase of the examination.

In accordance with your request, the submitted evidence will be forwarded to your office within the next several days after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 18, 1943

JAR:LM  
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Director, FBI

Att'n: Technical Laboratory

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al,  
FUGITIVES  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Dear Sir:

On February 16, 1943, Doctor CLOYCE WILSON, of 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was kidnaped by Subjects HARRY BEVER, with aliases, FBI #2413512, WILLIAM RATKAY, with aliases, FBI #911699, and SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FBI #1486280. Doctor WILSON was tied with wire and left in the basement of a vacant house in Cincinnati after the Subjects had overpowered him and stolen his automobile.

An air mail special delivery letter postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky, February 17, 1943, at 12:30 PM, addressed to Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, Cincinnati, was received by Mrs. WILSON in Cincinnati at about 9:00 PM on February 17, 1943. The contents of this letter are as follows: "Doctor is in a corner vacant house on Winslow and Crown Streets tied up in the basement," and the letter bore a diagram showing the location of the house where Doctor WILSON was left tied up. There were also the additional words "Winslow and Crown Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio."

On February 18, 1943, an air mail special delivery letter was received by the Chief of Police, Station X, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked February 17, 1943, 12:30 PM, at Louisville, Kentucky, which letter is as follows: "Man tied up in a house on corner of Crown and Winslow, Cincinnati, Ohio, in basement." The letter also bore a diagram of a square block designating the house bordering on Crown Street and Winslow, from William Taft Road to the back of the house.

It is desired that the Technical Laboratory chemically treat the enclosed letters and envelopes for latent fingerprints, and to compare the handwriting contained thereon with the handwriting of the three subjects as it appears on their fingerprint cards.

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The first letter received by Mrs. CLOYCE WILSON was only handled by her and her daughter, along with postal employees. However, in

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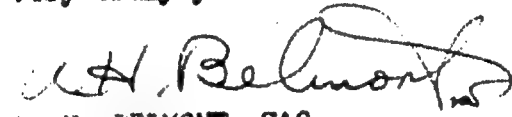
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the case of the second letter it should be noted that it was handled by numerous police officers, and the possibility of latent prints is negative.

It is desired that the envelopes and letters be preserved and returned to the Cincinnati Field Division after appropriate examinations have been made.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. H. Belmont", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

A. H. BELMONT, SAC

Enclosures



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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, HARRY RALPH BEVER, CLARENCE  
ALBERT PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, ESCAPED ~~FEDERAL~~  
FEDERAL PRISONERS, THREE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL FLYERS  
REQUIRED FOR COMPLETE COVERAGE.4

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A & K  
10-26 PM OK FBI WASH DC MH

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Piper  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

EX-43

16-  
Re. Clarence Albert Parsons, was fug;  
Arthur Raymond Parsons, was fug;  
William Isaac Raskay, was fug;  
Samuel Ricketts, was fug;  
Harry Ralph Riven, was fug;  
Bank Robbery,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners,  
Federal Escape Act.

I Name and Address

Clarence Albert Parsons,  
with alias,  
Woodrow Holbrook,  
Clarence Wells  
Corporal Clarence Wells

II FBI # 2135406

III Fingerprint Classification:

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IV Offense: Escaped Federal Prisoner  
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## V Description

Age, 33 years, born July 3, 1909,  
Vanceburg, Kentucky

Height, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches

Weight, 150 pounds

Eyes, brown

Hair, brown

Complexion, medium

Build, medium slender

Race, white

Nationality, American

Education, attended high school

Occupations, cook

Scars and Marks, scar middle  
finger left hand, mole both sides  
of face, vaccination scar left arm,  
lower teeth missing.

Reulcauter, **CONSIDERED DANGEROUS**

## VI Photograph

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III Relatives

✓ Mrs. Mary Ellen Parsons, mother  
Broadway Avenue, P.O. #23,  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

✓ Albert Parsons, father  
address unknown

✓ John Paul Parsons, brother  
State Reformatory  
Mansfield, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Goldie Kennett, sister  
North Bend, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Tom (Rued) Kennett, sister  
First Street  
Adelphi, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Virginia Lamm, sister  
(SAMS)  
First Street  
Adelphi, Ohio

✓ Mrs. Frances Chelton, sister  
431 - 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
West New York, New Jersey

✓ Arthur Raymond Parsons, brother,  
Age, 24 years, Height, 5 feet 11 inches,  
Weight, 170 pounds, Eyes, blue,  
Hair, blond, wavy, Complexion, ruddy,  
Build, medium, Race, white,  
Nationality, American, Education, 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade, Occupations, cook, farmer,  
Scars and Marks, 1/2" scar left thumb,  
3 moles on face, mole back of neck,  
vaccination scar left arm, Pencil marks,  
reported to be mentally deficient,  
psychopathic personality. Address  
Unknown, possibly traveling with  
subject.

## VIII Criminal Record;

As Clarence Albert Parsons, #8400-713,  
arrested Baltimore and Ohio Railroad  
Company, Parkersburg, West Virginia,  
May 7, 1939; charge, train riding;  
disposition, 15 days County Jail.

As Clarence Parsons, # ———,  
arrested Sheriff's Office, Parkersburg,  
West Virginia, September 29, 1939;  
charge, petty larceny; disposition,  
60 days County Jail.

As Clarence Albert Parsons, # ———,  
arrested U. S. Marshal, Cincinnati,  
Ohio, September 2, 1942; charge, kidnaping;  
disposition, 75 years <sup>(November 23, 1942)</sup>, lodged  
County Jail, ESCAPED FEBRUARY  
12, 1943. Copy

## IX Process Outstanding

Subject was sentenced in the U. S.  
District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, on  
November 23, 1942 to serve 75 years  
in a Federal Penitentiary for violation  
of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. On  
February 12, 1943, subject escaped from

the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
where he was being held in custody for  
Federal authorities.

~~The Person Following:~~

A complaint was filed before  
a U. S. Commissioner at Cincinnati,  
Ohio, on February 13, 1943, charging  
subject as Clarence Albert Parnum  
with a violation of the Federal  
Escape Act in that he escaped from  
the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati,  
Ohio on February 12, 1943. ~~where~~  
~~he was being held in custody for~~

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Date:

76-9296  
February 23, 1943

To:

SAC, Juneau

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1871  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEWER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS, FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith six copies of Identification Order #1871 on Subject William Isaac Radkay.

Enclosure

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Mr. Mumford

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

February 19, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: WANTED NOTICE on  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., et al.

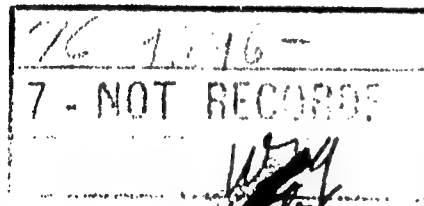
Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with 250 additional  
copies of the Wanted Notice on SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, et al.

Very truly yours,

*Duane L. Traynor*  
DUANE L. TRAYNOR  
Special Agent in Charge

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To:

SAC, San Juan

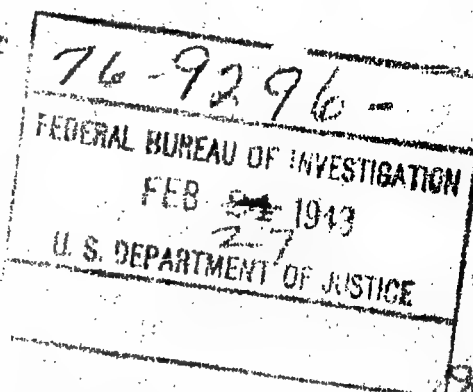
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1871  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith seven copies of Identification  
 Order #1871 on Subject William Isaac Radkay.

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Date: February 22, 1943

To: SAC, San Juan

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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 ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
 SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1870  
 HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1869  
 BANK ROBBERY; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

There are transmitted herewith seven copies each of Identification Orders #1870 and #1869 on Subjects Ricketts and Bever, respectively.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

FEBRUARY 24, 1943

SAC, LOS ANGELES

Transmit the following message to:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, ETAL, FUGITIVES, FRA, MFP. REURTEL TWENTY-THIRD  
INSTANT DESTROY BUREAU CIRCULARS DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH WHICH HAVE  
NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED SINCE IDENTIFICATION ORDERS ON SUBJECTS RICKETTS,  
RADKAY AND BEVER PRESENTLY ENROUTE YOUR OFFICE. HANDLE LOS IMMEDIATELY  
UPON THEIR RECEIPT.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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DOLT. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS, HARRY RALPH  
EEVER, WAS, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS,  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. BUREAU CIRCULAR DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN  
RECEIVED BUT NOT BEING DISTRIBUTED THIS DISTRICT PENDING FURTHER  
ADVISE FROM BUREAU IN VIEW STATEWIDE TELETYPE BROADCAST BY POLICE  
HERE YESTERDAY ON BASIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PD, CINCINNATI,  
CPIC, THAT CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS IN  
CUSTODY. ADVISE DISPOSITION DESIRED.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CINCINNATI

RELAY FIFTEENTH INSTANT HARRY DEVER, WAS, ETAL FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.  
ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT APPEARING ON LEFT MARKED QUOTE CHEVROLET  
SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER AA NINE FIVE FIVE NAUGHT NINE SEVEN OHIO  
LICENSE NUMBER FOUR SEVEN DASH SN CLOSE QUOTE IDENTIFIED RIGHT  
MIDDLE  
FINGER IMPRESSION HARRY RALPH DEVER.

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FEBRUARY 22, 1943

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:  
RELET SEVENTEENTH INSTANT HARRY RALPH BEAVER, WAS, ETAL FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT LIFTED AT SIX TWENTYEIGHT  
CROWN STREET CINCINNATI IDENTICAL RIGHT THUMB IMPRESSION HARRY RALPH BEAVER.  
FURTHER COMPARISONS BEING CONDUCTED.

HOOVER

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: February 22, 1943  
SAC, Indianapolis

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

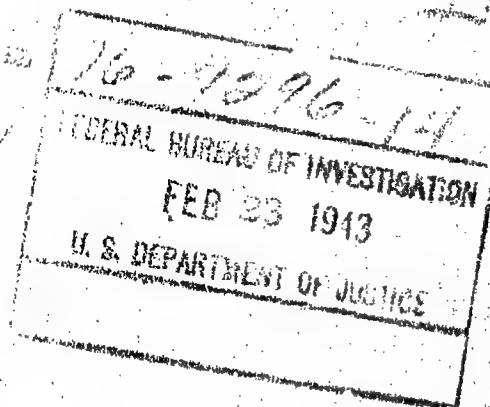
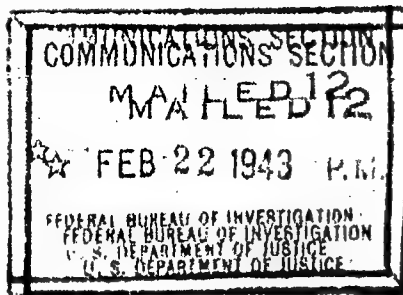
Subject:

CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADEKAT, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
BANK ROBBERY  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

In accordance with the request set out in your teletype dated February 21, 1943, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of photographs of subjects Radkay and Bever.

Enclosures *cc*  
cc - Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1943

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: SAMUEL RICKETTS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT.

Assistant SAC Obenshain, Cincinnati, phoned to advise that subjects Clarence and Arthur Parsons were arraigned today at Cincinnati for violation of the Federal Escape Act, at which time they pled not guilty. They waived final hearing and were ordered held in default of \$25,000.00, bonds in connection with this charge. Pending final disposition of an appeal which they had filed previously with the Circuit Court of Appeals, they are being removed immediately to Milan, Michigan, where they will be held at the United States Correctional Institution.

Mr. Obenshain stated that complaints have been authorized against one Mike Scott, whose true name has not been ascertained and against Everett and Florence Mitchell, charging them with harboring the Parsons brothers. These complaints are being filed immediately. Subject Scott is in custody and it is anticipated that the Mitchells will be picked up in an hour or so. Everett and Florence Mitchell are the father and mother of Dawn and Virginia Mitchell, ages 15 and 17, the two girls who were with the Parsons brothers at the time the latter were apprehended.

The Mitchells are known to have entertained the Parsons brothers at their home on Sunday, February 14, 1943. Scott, who lives at Addyston, Ohio, is an acquaintance of the Parsons brothers and the Mitchell family, and it is known that he told the two Mitchell girls how to locate the shack in which the Parsons brothers were staying at the time of their apprehension. He also knew of the fact that the subjects were at the Mitchell home. To date the United States Attorney has declined to prosecute the two girls because of their youth.

A press release was made at Cincinnati regarding the fact that prosecution of Mike Scott has been authorized under the Federal Harboring Statute and as soon as Everett and Florence Mitchell are picked up, the fact that they too are being prosecuted for harboring will be made available to the press. This was done in view of the fact local authorities know of the activities of these individuals and since it was desired that the



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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

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Bureau be mentioned in the press releases regarding these persons.

There have been no recent developments in the investigation looking toward the apprehension of subjects Bever, Radkay, and Ricketts, although at the present time unverified information received through a local police informant to the effect Radkay's wife is presently in Cincinnati, is being checked out.

Respectfully,



K. C. West

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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HARRY RALPH BEVER, WAS ETAL FUGITIVE FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.  
BUREAU LETTER DATED FEBRUARY TWELFTH NINETEEN FORTYTHREE FILE  
NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR EIGHT ONE TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN  
CHARGE. RE SAMUEL RICKETTS WAS HARRY RALPH BEVER WAS WILLIAM  
ISAAC RADKAY WAS BANK ROBBERY AVONDALE BRANCH SECOND NATIONAL  
BANK CINCINNATI OHIO OCTOBER THIRTYFIRST NINETEEN FORTYTWO.  
THIS FIELD DIVISION RECEIVED ONLY TWO PHOTOS OF SUBJECT  
RICKETTS AND NONE OTHERS. FORWARD AMASD TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF HARRY  
BEVER AND WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY TO THIS FIELD DIVISION.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

FEBRUARY 17, 1943

SAC, CINCINNATI

Transmit the following message to:  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG; WILLIAM  
ISAAC RAYKAY, WASFUG; SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG; HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG;  
BR; NMVTA; EPP; FEA. ATTEMPT TO VERIFY DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH SUBJECTS  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS. FILE REFLECTS CLARENCE  
BORN JULY THREE, NINETEEN NINETEEN, VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, AND ARTHUR, MAY  
ELEVEN, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, RAVENSWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA. INFORMATION NEEDED  
IMMEDIATELY FOR I.O.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI WASH DC 2-17-43 7-47 PM MH  
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MICE.. CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS,  
WASFUG, WILLIAMXXX WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WASFUG, SAMUEL RICKETTS,  
WAS FUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, BR, NMVTA, EPXXX EFP, FEA.  
ATTEMPT TO VERIFY DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH SUBJECTS CLARENCE ALBERT  
PARSONS AND ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS. FILE REFLECTS CLARENCE BORN  
JULY THREE, NINETEEN NINETEEN, VANEXXX VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, AND  
ARTHUR, MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, RAVENSWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA.  
INFORMATION NEDXXX NEEDED IMMEDIATELY FOR IO.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

RBS:LM  
76-964

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 17, 1943

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al, Fugitives;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Origin: Cincinnati

Dear Sir:

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared without delay, you are advised that on February 13, 1943, (1) a probation violator's warrant was issued by the United States District Court for the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, or (2) the United States Marshal at \_\_\_\_\_ returned "non est" the warrant for the following individual:

NAME AND ALIASES: WILLIAM ISAAC RATKAY, was: William Radkay, William I. Radkey, William Isaac Radkay, William Rodman, Willie Ratke, William I. Ratke, Sam Rubin, Samuel Isaac Ruebin, Samuel Rowan  
FBI # 911699 Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which wanted): Sec. 753H, Title 18, Federal Escape Act.  
Escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, O., about 6:15 PM, 2-12-43.  
PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here)  
Commissioner's complaint 2-13-43, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DESCRIPTION:

1-Age: 31  
2-Date of Birth: 9-24-11  
3-Place of birth: Kansas City, Kansas  
4-Height: 5'9"  
5-Weight: 150-165 pounds  
6-Build: Slender  
7-Eyes: Brown  
8-Hair: Dark brown; wavy  
9-Complexion: Medium dark  
10-Color: White  
11-Sex: Male  
12-Nationality: ---  
13-Occupation: Laborer  
14-Marital status: Single  
15-Residence: ---

Scars and marks: 3/4" diagonal cut scar center of forehead; 1" circular scar back of left hand; bad cut scar left palm; 10 buckshot in body, 4 lodged under skin of chest.

Peculiarities: ---

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8 FEB 19 1943

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*

A. H. BELMONT

Special Agent in Charge



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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

RBS:LM  
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NAME AND ALIASES: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was: Larry James Dugan, Fred Mathews,  
Harry Beaver

FBI # 2413512

Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which wanted): Sec. 753H, Title 18, Federal Escape Act.

Escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, O., about 6:15 PM, 2-12-43.

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here):  
Commissioner's complaint 2-13-43, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**DESCRIPTION:**

1-Age: 26  
2-Date of birth: 9-13-16  
3-Place of birth: Millgrove, Missouri  
4-Height: 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
5-Weight: 175 pounds  
6-Build: Stocky  
7-Eyes: Dark green; bushy red eyebrows;  
8-Hair: Light red; wavy  
9-Complexion: Fair  
10-Color: White  
11-Sex: Male  
12-Nationality: American  
13-Occupation: Cook - bellhop  
14-Marital status: Divorced  
15-Residence: Not known

Scars and marks: 1/2" scar, 45° angle, on upper lip to right of nose; left center upper teeth false; one gold crown upper right.

Faculiarities: Wears ruby ring on left ring finger.  
wears rimless glasses

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Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT

Special Agent in Charge



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

RBS:LM  
76-964

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: HARRY RALPH BEVER, was, et al, Fugitives;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT

Origin: Cincinnati

Dear Sir:

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NAME AND ALIASES: SAMUEL RICKETTS, was: George Mason, Doc Ricketts,  
Bob Roberts, George Roberts, George Thomas, George Wright, Robert Wright

FBI #1486280

Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which wanted): Sec. 753H, Title 18, Federal Escape Act.  
Escaped from Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, O., about 6:15 PM, 2-12-43.

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here):  
Commissioner's complaint 2-13-43, Cincinnati, Ohio.

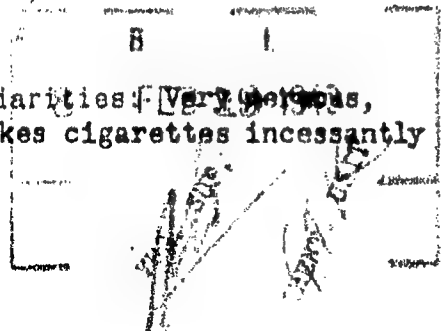
DESCRIPTION:

Scars and marks: None

- 1-Age: 28
- 2-Date of birth: 12-30-14
- 3-Place of birth: Atchison, Kansas
- 4-Height: 5'10"
- 5-Weight: 145 pounds
- 6-Build: Slender
- 7-Eyes: Black
- 8-Hair: Black
- 9-Complexion: Pale
- 10-Color: White
- 11-Sex: Male
- 12-Nationality: American
- 13-Occupation: Baker
- 14-Marital status: Married
- 15-Residence: ---

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Peculiarities: Very nervous,  
smokes cigarettes incessantly



Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*  
A. H. Belmont

Special Agent in Charge

52 FEB 24 1943 AIR MAIL DELIVERY

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

900 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

February 19, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: WANTED FLYER, Feb. 15, 1943  
Concerning SAMUEL RICKETTS, et al

It is requested this office be furnished an additional three hundred and seventy-five copies of the above captioned wanted notice.

These additional copies are being requested because of a failure of the Cleveland office to receive sufficient copies to cover the entire mailing list.

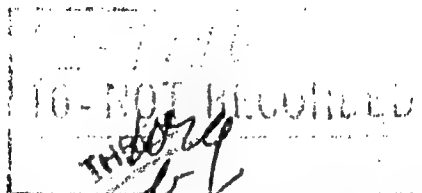
Very truly yours,

*L. V. Boardman*  
L. V. BOARDMAN, SAC



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February 25, 1943

JR:ESM

REGISTERED MAIL

76-7296 -7

SAC, Cincinnati

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RE: HARRY RALPH BEAVER, with aliases  
et al. FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 17, 1943, transmitting seven lifts and three packs of exposed films of latent impressions developed at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as several pages of the "Cincinnati Times-Star", dated February 13, 1943, for latent fingerprint examination in connection with the above-captioned case.

You are advised that the latent impressions appearing on the lifts and in the developed negatives were examined and three latent fingerprints were noted to be of value for comparison purposes. Upon comparison, these three impressions were identified with the right thumb impression of Harry Ralph Beaver, #FBI-2813512. No latent impressions could be developed on the newspaper. The seven lifts and the newspaper are returned herewith.

This report confirms the Bureau's telegraphic communication of February 22, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 35769

Date Recorded: 2-22-43 12:00 Noon

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: HARRY RALPH BEAVER, was, et al  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Number: 76-2296-7

Specimens:

Seven lifts  
Three packs of film - exposed  
Several sheets of the CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR dated Feb. 13, 1943  
submitted for latent fingerprint examination.  
It is requested that all "referenced subjects" in this case  
be compared with the above listed material.

Examination requested by: 2-22-43 dfn

Date received: Cincinnati

Examination requested: Fingerprints

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Robyak

*Lifts & film packs to photo 2/22*  
*3 latent fpts of value - Q # 1 (2) Harry Ralph*  
*Beaver FBI 2013512 2/23/43 Verified etc*  
*Dictated 2/23/43 [signature]*

ENCLOSURE

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 17, 1943

JIC:EJ

DIRECTOR, FBI

**ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**

**RE: HARRY RALPH BEAVER, w.as. et al;  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS- BUREAU FILE 76-366**

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are seven prints lifted from articles found on February 17, 1943 at 628 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio where HARRY RALPH BEAVER, FBI #2413512, SAMUEL RICKETTS, FBI #1486280, and WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, FBI #911699, are believed to have been hiding.

Also enclosed are three packs of films, the same containing pictures of the above mentioned prints.

It is desired that these photographs be compared with the fingerprints of the above referenced SUBJECTS for possible identification.

Also enclosed are several pages of newspaper found in the above mentioned premises. It is desired that this newspaper be examined for possible latent prints of these SUBJECTS. Chemicals may be used in this examination. It is unnecessary to return the newspaper to this office.

Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, ST. PAUL

Transmit the following message to:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG; WILLIAM ISAAC RAIKAY, WASFUG; HARVEY  
RALPH BEVER, WASFUG; CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG; ARTHUR  
RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG; BR, MMVA, EPP, FEA. REFERENCE REPORT  
 SA KENMIT L. WESTBAY, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, AT ST. PAUL,  
 REFLECTING FILING OF MMVA COMPLAINTS AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS,  
 RAIKAY AND BEVER. ADVISE BY RETURN TELETYPE PLACE WHERE COMPLAINTS  
 FILED AND SPECIFIC ACTS CONSTITUTING VIOLATION. DISCREPANCY  
 APPEARS BETWEEN SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS OF REPORT. INFORMATION  
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CC-CINCINNATI (BY MAIL)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WASFUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WAS FUG, BR, NMVTA, EFP, FEA. REFERENCE REPORT SA KERMIT L. WESTBAY, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, AT ST. PAUL, REFLECTING FILING OF NMVTA COMPLAINTS AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RADKAY AND BEVER. ADVISE BY RETURN TELETYPE PLACE WHERE COMPLAINTS FILED AND SPECIFIC ACTS CONSTITUTING VIOLATION. DISCREPANCY APPEARS BETWEEN SYNOPSIS AND ~~REDACTED~~ DETAILS OF REPORT. INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ~~REDACTED~~ IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE LO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC BIRMINGHAM

Transmit the following message to:

CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUI; ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG; WILLIAM ISAAC BARKAT, WASFUG; SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG; HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG; DR. MORTA, ESP, FEA. REFERENCE REPORT SA B. W. MCCLELLAN, AUGUST TWENTY-TWO, LAST, AT BIRMINGHAM, ENTITLED UNSUBS; VIVIAN WELLS, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, WETA, REFLECTING PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS SECURED AT FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA. FURNISH COPIES OF SAME TO BUREAU AMASD FOR USE IN IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE IO.

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Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI WASH DC 2-15-43 9-44 PM MH

SAC BIRMINGHAM

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, NEW YORK CITY

Transmit the following message to:

SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WASFUG, HARRY RALPH BEVER,  
WASFUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS FUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, WASFUG,  
RFP, FEA. RTTEL AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR NYD BROADCAST EIGHT STATE ALARM  
GIVING DESCRIPTION SUBJECTS.

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CC CINCINNATI

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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FBI WASHINGTON, D. C.  
SAC NEW YORK CITY  
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SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS NUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS FUG, HARRY RALPH  
BEVER, WAS FUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WAS FUG, ARTHUR RAYMOND  
PARSONS, WAS FUG, EFP, FEA. RETEL AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR NYPD BROADCAST  
LIGHT STATE ALARM GJXXX GIVING DESCRIPTION SUBJECTS.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FEB 15 1943

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| Mr. Piper.....      |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm..... |
| Mr. Nease.....      |
| Miss Gandy.....     |

FBI  
DIRECTOR

NYC

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ICE. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WAS, WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, WAS, HARRY RALPH  
LEAVER, WAS, CLARENCE ALBERT PASSONS, WAS, FUGITIVE, ARTHUR RAYMOND PAR-  
SONS, FUGITIVE, E.F.P, F.E.A. RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND  
ACS THIRTEENTH INSTANT. BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE NYPD BROADCAST  
LIGHT STATE ALARM GIVING DESCRIPTION INSTANT SUBJECTS. ADVISE.

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*called for sign - also  
12 unit*



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

JAR:HCW

Director, FBI

Att: Technical Laboratory

Re: HARRY BEVER, was., FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM RATKAY, was., FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT, and  
ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Dear Sir:

There is being submitted under separate cover, eight latent lifted prints, together with three film packs, which were also developed from latent prints found in two automobiles which were used by captioned subjects in effecting their get-away after escape.

It is requested that the latents submitted be compared with known prints of HARRY BEVER, FBI #2413512; SAMUEL RICKETTS, FBI #1486280; WILLIAM RATKAY, FBI #911699; ARTHUR PARSONS FBI #1759011; and CLARENCE PARSONS, FBI #2135406. This request is made to determine if all subjects were involved in the theft of the second automobile as well as the first theft; latents to be retained in Bureau file.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Belmont*

A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

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MAR 13 1943

February 26, 1943

JR:DMG

REGISTERED MAIL

RECORDED 76-9296-3

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: HARRY BEVER, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETS, with aliases  
FUGITIVE; WILLIAM RATKAY, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ARTHUR PARSONS  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; CLARENCE  
PARSONS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT AND ESCAPED  
FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 15,  
1943, transmitting three packs of exposed film and eight  
lifts of latent impressions for examination in connection  
with the above-entitled case.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's tele-  
graphic communication of February 24, 1943, you are advised  
that the latent impressions were examined and only latent  
fingerprint appearing on the lift marked "Chevrolet Sedan,  
Motor #A2955097, Ohio License #47-SIF", was noted to be of  
value for comparison purposes. Upon comparison, this  
print was identified with the right middle finger impression  
of Harry Ralph Bever, who is #7BI-2413512. The eight lifts  
are returned herewith.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Mr. McGuire    | COMMUNICATIONS SECTION |
| Mr. Mumford    | MAILED 9               |
| Mr. Piper      | FEB 27 1943 P.M.       |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm |                        |
| Mr. Nease      |                        |
| Miss Gandy     |                        |

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 35645

Date Recorded: 2-19-43 2:00 P. M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: HARRY BEVER, was., FUGITIVE  
SAMUEL RICKETTS, was., FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM RATKAY, was., FUGITIVE  
ARTHUR PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
Specimens: CLARENCE PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT and ESCAPE  
FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Number: 76-9296-3

Three Kodak film packs.

Eight lifts of latent impressions.

It is requested that the fingerprints of the following named suspects  
be compared with the latents in connection with this case:

HARRY BEVER, #FBI-2413512

SAMUEL RICKETTS, #FBI-1486280

WILLIAM RATKAY, #FBI-911699

ARTHUR PARSONS, #FBI-1759011

CLARENCE PARSONS, #FBI-2135406.

Examination requested by: Cincinnati

Date received: 2-19-43 ah

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Robyak

*Lefts + flows for later to photos 2/19*  
*Latent prints 2/20*  
*12 to 14 prints of value - #3 Harry Ralph Bever 2/24*  
*2413512*  
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*also file # 47-54*  
*Dictated 2/26/43 jmc*

ENCLOSURE

76-9296-3

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 15, 1943

JAR:HCW

Director, FBI

Attn: Technical Laboratory

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ARTHUR PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
CLARENCE PARSONS, was., FUGITIVE  
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT, and  
ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONER ACT

Dear Sir:

There is being submitted under separate cover, eight latent lifted prints, together with three film packs, which were also developed from latent prints found in two automobiles which were used by captioned subjects in effecting their get-away after escape.

It is requested that the latents submitted be compared with known prints of HARRY BEVER, FBI #2413512; SAMUEL RICKETTS, FBI #1486280; WILLIAM RATKAY, FBI #911699; ARTHUR PARSONS FBI #1759011; and CLARENCE PARSONS, FBI #2135406. This request is made to determine if all subjects were involved in the theft of the second automobile as well as the first theft; latents to be retained in Bureau file.

Very truly yours,

A. H. BELMONT  
Special Agent in Charge

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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*Rosen*

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FBI ST PAUL 2-15-43 7-59PM PN

DIRECTOR  
MICE. SAMUEL RICKETTS, WASFUG, WILLIAM ISAAC RAKKXK RADKAY, WASFUG,  
HARRY RALPH BEVER, WASFUG, CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, WASFUG, ARTHUR RAY-  
MOND PARSONS, WASFUG, BR, NMVTA, EFF, FEA. FEDERAL COMXK COMPLAINT  
FILED ST. PAUL JXXX ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST YEAR.  
WARRANT ISSUED AGAINST SUBJECTS RICKETTS, RADKAY, AND BEVER CHARGING  
VIOLATION NMVTA IN THAT ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER NINE LAST YEAR THEY UN-  
LAWFULLY TRANXK TRANSPORTED PLYMOUTH COACH MOTOR P ONE TWO DASH 12,281,252  
TWO EIGHT ONE SEVEN FIVE TWO, THE PROPERTY OF WILBERT ROSENTHALL OF  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE, FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA,  
TO LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, EACH OF THEM KNOWING AT TIME OF TRANSPORTATION  
THIS CAR TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN. THIS NMVTA WARRANT FOR THESE THREE IS  
STILL ALIVE AND WAS NOT SERVED DUE TO FACT THEY WERE TAKEN INTO FEDERAL  
CUSTODY AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ON FUGITIVE WARRANT CHARGING BR AT  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND WERE REMOVED BY USM TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, ON BR  
CHARGE. USXK USA ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, DOES NOT INTEND TO DISMISS  
THIS NMVTA WARRANT AT PRESENT WHILE THESE THREE SUBJECTS ARE AT LARGE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Escape of 5 prisoners from Hamilton  
County, Ohio, Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Between 5:00 and 6:15 P.M., February 12, 1943, Samuel Rickets, William Isaac Radkay, Harry Ralph Bever, Clarence Albert Parsons, and Arthur Raymond Parsons, all of whom were Federal prisoners, escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Three were being detained for robbery of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the facts concerning this robbery were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 10, 1943. The subjects were being detained in default of bond.

The remaining two of the five recently received a sentence of 75 years each at Cincinnati for kidnaping and were awaiting removal to a Federal penitentiary.

The details with reference to the escape and information concerning the offenses and activities of the escapes is attached hereto. The entire area has been covered by police broadcasts since the escape. We are actively conducting an inquiry inasmuch as all of the escapees were being held on Federal charges within our primary jurisdiction. The Hamilton County Jail is an approved Federal jail. Process will be issued against all five for the escape.

A memorandum is being prepared advising James Bennett of the details of the escape.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen

Attachment

A wanted circular is being prepared containing the photographs of all five subjects. It will be out late tonight.

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Mr. A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. E. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.REL:fo  
91-5481  
7-5726  
Time of call - 7:45 PM  
Dictated 8:45 PM

February 12, 1943

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: SAMUEL RICKETS, was;  
WILLIAM ISAAC RADKAY, was;  
HARRY RALPH REVER, was;  
(ALDENALE BRANCH, SECOND NATIONAL  
BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO, 10-31-42)  
CLARENCE ALBERT PARSONS, was; FUG  
ARTHUR RAYMOND PARSONS, was; FUG  
VICTIM - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING, WSTA  
FEDERAL ESCAPE Act, E.F.P.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At the above time SAC Belmont of the Cincinnati office called and stated that subjects Samuel Rickets, William Isaac Radkay, Harry Ralph Rever, Clarence Albert Parsons and Arthur Raymond Parsons, all of whom were federal prisoners, escaped from the Hamilton County, Ohio Jail, which is located at Cincinnati, between 6:00 and 6:15 PM tonight. SAC Belmont advised that subjects Rickets, Radkay and Rever were recently apprehended in the state of Minnesota and were returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, by the U.S. Marshal and detained at the above mentioned jail in connection with the robbery of the Aldendale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1942. It was further stated that the facts in connection with the robbery of the bank by these three subjects were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati, Ohio on February 10, 1943, and that such subjects were being detained in default of bond. It was remarked that all three of these individuals are from Kansas City, Missouri.

With reference to Clarence Albert Parsons and Arthur Raymond Parsons, SAC Belmont related that they had recently received a sentence of 7 years each at Cincinnati with reference to a violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statutes and were awaiting removal to a Federal penitentiary. It was further indicated that these two subjects who are brothers had subsequently appealed their cases, but that no conclusion has been reached yet with respect to same.

The five prisoners already mentioned and three others, according to SAC Belmont, were in the kitchen alongside of the south cell block of the Hamilton County Jail when they apparently blocked the drain pipe, which flooded the kitchen and the south cell block of the jail. The prisoners then yelled for rags and other implements to clean up the water. A guard obtained equipment and took it to them. However, upon opening the door, the convicts overpowered the guard. This guard was not injured and the convicts then proceeded to the north cell block and overpowered the guard, and





after which they went to the entrance gate to the cell block proper where they assaulted Guard Danny Smith, who was later removed to the General Hospital, the extent of his injuries not being known at the present time. After slugging him the prisoners secured his keys and went upstairs and locked the prison matron in so that she could not turn in the alarm. They then went by elevator to the fourth floor where they proceeded through the building, tryin' to find a way out. They encountered a building guard and asked him how to get out of the building. He asked what they were doing, whereupon they slugged the guard and went down to the first floor where they jumped through a window landing on top of the engineer garage.

Between 6:00 and 6:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Leslie S. Mann, 2101 Lawn Avenue, Norwood, Ohio, were driving their 1935 Ford, four-door sedan, 1942 Ohio license No. 7409A and were stopped at a red light at Faraday and Main Streets, which is in the immediate vicinity of the jail. Mr. and Mrs. Mann started across the street on the green light, when three men ran out in front of the car. One of them came in a door opposite to the driver and ordered Mr. and Mrs. Mann out of the car. Three other individuals then got into the car. However, Mr. and Mrs. Mann were not certain whether there were four or five individuals in the group. The gas tank of the automobile was almost empty and the car was believed to have been seen about 7:00 PM on Reading Road at Forest Avenue according to information reported to the Cincinnati Police Department.

It is not believed that the escaped prisoners have any weapons and there are no indications that assistance was rendered from the outside. According to Mr. and Mrs. Mann the No. 1 man was wearing grey trousers, a tan leather jacket, had red curly hair and no hat. This man may be a subject over. The No. 2 individual was wearing grey trousers and shirt, light hat, was about 5' 11", weighed 115 lbs., and possibly is subject Dickins. The No. 3 man was wearing a brown suit, no hat, had blond hair, was approximately 5' 10" and weighed 145 lbs. The fourth individual was on a dark suit coat, light pants, old shoes, had black hair, an adhesive patch on his nose, wearing grey hat and was sleeping. This may have been subject McKay.

Although only two escaped from the jail, Mr. Belmont stated that Federal prisoners Forest Barford, Hughes and Marino, who were respectively being held on National Stolen Property Act and Bank Robbery violations, and one Fort Smith, who has been sentenced in the state courts to die in connection with murder charges, were present at the time the prison break was first started. However, Hughes, Marino and Fort Smith apparently made no effort whatsoever to escape and are still in custody at the jail.

Mr. Belmont has given a complete description of the five escaped prisoners to the Cincinnati Police Department and Ohio State Police in order that broadcasts could be made. Such broadcasts have been made by the local authorities, and law enforcement officers throughout that vicinity were requested to be on the outlook for any automobile larcenies, as the prisoners may possibly discard the present automobile in view of the shortage of gasoline. Mr. Belmont has also sent two agents who are acquainted with the background of these cases to interview subjects Hughes and Marino in the belief that they may know of the scheme to escape and possibly where the prisoners may now be hidden. It was also indicated that the State Police have placed covers on all roads leading out of Cincinnati. Inasmuch as the Parsons brothers are acquainted with the city of Cincinnati, it was believed by Mr. Belmont that the prisoners could not separate at least until they were out of the city.

Mr. Belmont also stated that the U.S. Attorney would be contacted the first thing in the morning for the purpose of having process issued for these prisoners. Mr. Belmont will also ascertain the exact status of the prosecutive proceedings against these individuals.

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. Belmont was desirous of knowing whether the Bureau wanted to furnish the surrounding Field Divisions, as well as the Kansas City office, where subjects Ricketts, Radkay and Sever live, with the pertinent facts of the escape. Mr. Belmont was advised that such offices should be appropriately notified by the Cincinnati office direct, unless subsequently advised to the contrary. In accordance with your desires, Mr. Belmont was not advised to the contrary and will notify the interested Field Divisions.

Bureau File 91-3481 entitled first caption of this memorandum reveals that subjects Ricketts, Radkay and Sever were apprehended on November 23, 1942, by the Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota Police Departments as a result of a soldier being shot in a cafe at Minneapolis, Minnesota. These individuals orally indicated that they were responsible for the robbery of the Avondale Branch, Second National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio on October 31, 1942, as well as the theft and interstate transportation of a Plymouth automobile. Numerous bills that were stolen from the bank mentioned herein were recovered in possession of these subjects. \$1,648.44 was recovered, \$7,384 being the total amount of the loot originally taken from the bank. As a result of a complaint filed, at Cincinnati, Ohio on November 30, 1942, these three subjects were removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they were later identified both singularly and collectively by employees of the bank. Subject Sever has stated he will plead guilty to charges of violating the Bank Robbery Statutes in connection with this case if either Radkay or Ricketts so plead. Subject Ricketts has stated he will plead guilty if the other two take such action. Subject Radkay has stated that he will "stand pat." Bond for these individuals was recommended at \$15,000 each, and in default of same they were remanded to the jail from which they escaped.

Bureau File 7-3726, which is entitled as the second caption of this memorandum, indicates that subjects Clarence and Arthur Parsons kidnaped victim Vivian Wells, a 15 year old girl, at Aberdeen, Ohio on August 9, 1942, and was subsequently transported to Lexington, Kentucky. Enroute to the latter city, Miss Wells was originally assaulted on two different occasions by these subjects. These brothers have been identified by the victim and a witness and were apprehended by Bureau agents at Cincinnati, Ohio on August 31, 1942. These individuals also tied the owner of an automobile to a tree at Milford, Ohio and stole the automobile, such crime being committed at pistol point. At the time of their apprehension these subjects remained mute and pretended to be insane. On October 15, 1942, an indictment charging them with violating Section 238-A, Title 18 of the United States Code was returned by the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Cincinnati, Ohio. Bond was set at \$2,500 each and upon arraignment of November 5, 1942, they entered the plea of not guilty. On November 23, 1942, a Federal Jury sitting at Cincinnati, Ohio, found subjects Parsons guilty, and on the same date they were sentenced to serve 7 1/2 years each in the custody of the Attorney General. These individuals formerly resided at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Respectfully,

*H. Benis Lawrence*

H. Benis Lawrence

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## Soldier Shot by Bandit Sues Happy Hour for \$15,000

A Fort Snelling soldier who was wounded in the Happy Hour cafe Nov. 23, 1942, during a washroom argument today filed suit in district court for \$15,000 against the tavern.

Sergeant Harold Bartholomew, 34, a cook on duty at the fort, was shot by Harry Ralph Beaver, who later was arrested and sentenced to 30 years in a federal prison for a Cincinnati bank robbery.

Beaver and two other gangsters were apprehended by FBI agents last July. They escaped and later were arrested after a nation-wide search.

Bartholomew, who filed his action against the Ramona Bar & Cafe Co., Inc., maintained the operators of the Happy Hour violated a city ordinance by selling liquor to Beaver, who already was intoxicated.

The bullet wound in his neck

caused permanent injury to his face and neck nerves, Bartholomew said in his complaint.

The soldier was shot during an argument with Beaver. Bartholomew told police Beaver had dropped a gun on the floor and told Bartholomew he (Beaver) was tough. When the soldier asked why he wasn't in the army if he was so tough, Beaver picked up the gun and shot Bartholomew.

Officials of the Ramona bar corporation, operators of the Happy Hour, are Mildred A. Percansky, secretary-treasurer and holder of 98 shares of stock; Harry A. Traub, vice president and holder of one share, and Ted Cook, president, and also holder of one share of stock.

The company was organized on the basis of 100 shares of stock valued at \$100 each.

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WINNEAPOLIS TIMES

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# THE BEVER KIDNAP LINK

CAPTURED GUNMAN IS NAMED IN  
LINDBERGH ACT CHARGE.

Federal Authorities Will Seek His  
Return Here From Ama-  
rillo, Tex., to Face  
Trial.

Trouble piled up today for Harry  
Ralph Bever, gunman sought by the  
FBI for months following capture  
of two of his companions here, and  
arrested yesterday at Amarillo, Tex.,  
by chance while police and FBI  
agents were seeking a slayer.

With Bever safely in the Amarillo  
jail, Maurice M. Milligan, United  
States district attorney, today filed  
kidnaping charges against him un-  
der the Lindbergh act and will at-  
tempt his return to Kansas City for  
trial.

The charge is that November 5,  
1942, Bever kidnaped Lawrence Wil-  
liam King, owner of a taxicab serv-  
ice at Excelsior Springs, Mo. It is  
alleged Bever stopped King's cab at  
Sixth street and Grand avenue, took  
over the steering wheel and drove  
to the outskirts of Kansas City,  
Kansas, where he left the cab.

The interstate feature makes pos-  
sible prosecution under the Lind-  
bergh act, Milligan said. Since King  
was not harmed, Milligan said, the  
maximum penalty if Bever were con-  
victed would be life imprisonment.

Although arrested in a general  
roundup of suspected persons at  
Amarillo following a murder, Bever  
is held there under a charge of rob-  
bing a Cincinnati, O., bank. When  
taken by police and told he was sus-  
pected of murder, Bever is described  
as having pointed to a poster bearing  
his picture and showing he was  
sought in the Cincinnati case.

"I'm no murderer; there, that  
poster shows what I'm wanted for,"  
Bever is quoted as saying.

Bever and the two companions ar-  
rested here last March, Isaac Radkey  
and Samuel Ricketts, were objects  
of a wide FBI search in connection  
with the armed robbery of a Cincin-  
nati bank November 23, 1942. Bever  
was sought also on the charge of  
wantonly shooting and dangerously  
injuring a soldier in a Cincinnati  
tavern following the bank robbery.

Milligan said today it would be  
up to the attorney general of the  
United States to determine where  
and for what crime Bever would be  
tried first. He said he believed the  
kidnaping charge filed today offered  
best prospects of a long prison term.

CLIPPING FROM THE  
KANSAS CITY STAR  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
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FORWARDED BY THE KANSAS CITY  
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*Evening Star*  
*July 24, 1943*

## Bank Robber Seized In Murder Roundup

(From Yesterday's Late Editions.)  
 By the Associated Press.

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"That's what I'm wanted for."

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*W. C. West*

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*OK Mr. Tolson*  
*W. C. Clegg*  
*Chief Clerk*  
*West*  
*Five*

## FBI Seizes 'Bad Man' In Amarillo Slaying

AMARILLO, Tex., July 23 (U.P.)—A man tentatively identified as Harry Ralph Bever, 26, described by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as "one of the most desperate and dangerous criminals at large," was arrested here last night in connection with the fatal shooting of Charles C. Wood, an Amarillo cafe man, in an attempted holdup. Bever is wanted for bank robbery in Cincinnati, violation of the National Vehicle Act, and escape from Federal officers.

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WASHINGTON TIMES-HERALD  
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*July 23*

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## Parsons Brothers Indicted in Jail Break

Three Sealed True Bills Re-  
turned by U. S. Grand Jury.

The Federal grand jury in its re-  
port Friday to U. S. District Judge  
returned 38 indictments, three of  
which were sealed. Arraignment of  
the defendants will be next Thursday.

Clarence Parsons, 23, and Arthur  
Parsons, 24, formerly of North Bend,  
O., who were sentenced Nov. 23, 1942,  
to 75 years, each, for kidnaping, were  
named in indictments charging es-  
cape from the Hamilton county jail  
Feb. 12, and also on the charge of  
violating the National Motor Ve-  
hicle Theft Act.

The charge against Samuel Rick-  
etts, 28; William Isaac Radkay, 31,  
and Harry Ralph Bever, who escaped  
with the Parsons, will not be pre-  
sented until Bever is apprehended.

The automobile theft charge  
against the Parsons grew out of the  
taking of the machine of E. W. Tro-  
baugh, salesman, Lancaster, O., near  
Owensville, O., July 6, 1942.

U. S. Attorney Calvin Crawford  
said that the machine was used in  
the kidnaping of the 15-year-old  
Manchester (O.) girl for which they  
received 75 years. The Parsons now  
are in the Milan (Mich.) Federal

Penitentiary, pending hearing on  
their appeal to the Sixth U. S. Cir-  
cuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati.

Crawford said that the Parsons  
brothers "pulled a gun on Trobaugh  
and tied him to a tree." He added  
that they deliberated as to whether  
they should kill the salesman, and  
then stole his automobile, money,  
clothes, checks and a radio.

Everett Mitchell, 33, and his wife,  
Florence, 36, both of Main Street,  
Addyston, O., and Nicholas Isacco,

25, 109 Second Street, Addyston,  
were indicted for harboring Clarence  
Parsons after he escaped from  
county jail.

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## Pictures in Paper Catch Bank Robbers

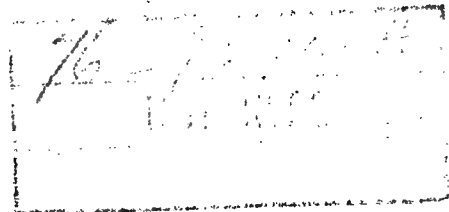
KANSAS CITY, March 8—The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which ordinarily shies away from the newspapers when on a manhunt, turned to the Kansas City Star recently and got results.

Two of the nation's top-ranking criminals, William Isaac Raskay, 31, and Samuel Ricketts, 28, both wanted for a Cincinnati, O., bank robbery, were caught a few hours after their pictures and a description of their criminal background had been printed in the Star.

Dwight Brantley, FBI special agent in charge at Kansas City, said the arrests were made on leads supplied by readers of the Star.

Soon after the story appeared that the two along with another desperado, Ralph Bever, were believed to be in hiding here, the FBI's telephone began to ring with calls from persons who believed they had seen men answering to their description.

The day before the arrests Brantley called Roy Roberts, managing editor of the Star, and solicited the newspaper's help in the manhunt.



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# Jail Breakers Plead Innocent To Charges of Bank Robbery

## One Fugitive Still at Large

Two of the three suspected bank robbers who escaped last month from county jail, William L. Radkay and Samuel Ricketts, pleaded innocent Tuesday when arraigned in U. S. District Court on charges of bank robbery and auto theft. They were ordered to stand trial March 16.

G-men still are hunting Harry Bever, 26, the third man, charged with Radkay and Ricketts with having robbed the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October.

Deputy U. S. marshals prepared to take the two men from the court after their pleas to the bank robbery and auto stealing had been received.

"Handcuff them first," Judge John H. Druffel ordered. "Take no chances."

Described by the Federal Bureau of Investigation following the jailbreak as "two of the most dangerous criminals at large," Radkay, 31, and Ricketts, 29, were recaptured recently in Kansas City, Mo.

Their escape from county jail resulted in a probe, after which the Federal Prisons Bureau removed the jail from its approved list and ordered federal prisoners confined in the city Workhouse.

The local FBI office announced before arraignment of Radkay and Ricketts that G-men in Louisville had recovered the auto of Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 3533 Larkspur avenue, Hyde Park, who was kidnapped outside Bethesda Hospital a few days after the jail break in which five men escaped.

The auto was found in a private garage where, it is believed, the three bank robbers placed it after a nation-wide alarm by the FBI.

Kansas City G-men found another auto, stolen in Louisville, after a man answering the description of one of the trio was treated at a hospital there for injuries he is believed to have received when he jumped from a window of the Hamilton County Courthouse.

The auto stolen in Louisville, the FBI office said, was the one abandoned in Kansas City when Ricketts, Radkay and Bever evaded a road block set for them by G-men who fired at the trio.

### Others Arraigned

About 50 persons were arraigned, including Forrest Bedford Hughes, 49, charged with operating a securities racket involving manufacture of fraudulent checks.



U. S. Marshal Charles E. Sisson (left) leads William Radkay (center) and Samuel Ricketts (right) from federal courtroom after their arraignment.

The scheme netted him \$20,000, G-men said.

Hughes pleaded innocent and March 16 was set for his trial.

Frank Vessely, 32, of 2050 D street, and Berlin Howard, 35, of 638 Laurel avenue, both of Hamilton, operators of the Butler Packing Co., pleaded innocent to violation of Office of Price Administration regulations covering delivery of beef. Their trial will begin March 25.

### Plead Innocent

Gordon Howell, 2902 Mapleleaf avenue, and Simon Condisar, 921 Walnut street, charged with evading the floor tax on liquor, also pleaded innocent. Their trial will begin March 26.

A report from the probation department was requested on Thomas P. Byrnes Jr., 18, of 49 Baker street, St. Bernard, who pleaded guilty to stealing from the mails. James H. Cleveland, his counsel, former chief assistant U. S. attorney, said his client

was scheduled to be graduated from high school in June and to enter the Army.

Pleading guilty to sending obscene letters through the mail, Charles H. Hughes, 2822 Lawn-dale avenue, Norwood, also was referred to the probation department.

### Must Stand Trial

John Vincent Conforti, 1319 Elm street, charged with having failed to register as an alien, was ordered to stand trial March 16. Theodore F. Otten, 4400 Glenway avenue, charged with falsely representing himself as a citizen, was held for trial March 19.

Sentence of a year and a day in the reformatory was imposed on Robert L. Smith, 18, of 117 W. Eighth street, charged with stealing from the mail.

Herbert Kolb, 24, and Paul Kolb, 26, brothers, who claim to be ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses, pleaded innocent to the charge of failure to report for Army induction and received permission to argue their own cases before a jury March 22.

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## TWO ARE RECAPTURED



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

William Isaac Radkay, left, and Samuel Ricketts, two of five prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail February 12, waived hearings on fugitive warrants in Kansas City, Mo., yesterday following their capture by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and Kansas City police. The two, accused of participation in the robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank October 31, are to be returned to Cincinnati.

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# ARREST BANK ROBBER WHO BROKE JAIL HERE

William Radkay and Sam  
Ricketts Held in Kansas City.

FBI CLOSES IN

Follow Trail of Harry Bever,  
Last of Fugitives.



William Radkay



Sam Ricketts

Two more of the Hamilton County jail-break fugitives, regarded among the most dangerous criminals in the country, fell into the FBI dragnet at Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday.

L. A. Obenshain, acting FBI agent in charge here, was notified that William I. Radkay, 31, and Samuel Ricketts, 28, were arrested and that the Kansas City FBI men were hot on the trail of Harry R. Bever, 26.

Radkay, according to the report, was recognized by two FBI agents on the street in Kansas City Monday night. When taken into custody, he was unarmed.

Ricketts was arrested Tuesday at 8:30 a. m. in a Kansas City rooming house by police and FBI men there, Obenshain learned.

## TO SEND WARRANTS

Obenshain said that warrants charging Ricketts and Radkay with escape from the jail would be forwarded to Kansas City. The defendants then will be arraigned before the U. S. commissioner there on fugitive warrants. If they waive examination, they will be returned to Cincinnati immediately, it was said. Otherwise they will be given a hearing before the commissioner. If they are returned to Cincinnati in time they probably will be arraigned next Tuesday.

All three, since their escape from the county jail, Feb. 12, with Clarence and Arthur Parsons, convicted kidnapers later apprehended in Delhi had been objects of a nationwide search. For several days after the break they hid out in an unoccupied Walnut Hills house.

On Feb. 15, they kidnapped Dr. Cloyd Wilson, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, from a parking lot at Bethesda Hospital and after tying him up in their hideout, fled the city in his automobile.

On several occasions since they had been reported in the vicinity of Kansas City where they eluded traps set for them, outdistancing their pursuers in blazing gun battles.

## PUBLICITY AIDS

Obenshain said that apparently publicity given by Kansas City papers "smoked out" the men from their hideout there. He added that the publicity "broke them up and started them circulating."

Ricketts, Radkay and Bever last Tuesday were indicted by the Federal grand jury at Cincinnati for the armed robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale branch, Oct. 31, 1942, in which more than \$8,000 was obtained. They also were named in a true bill charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

All five probably will be indicted for jail break, it was said.

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# FBI GETS TWO GANGSTERS

William Radkay, Leader of Desperate Criminal Band,  
and Samuel Ricketts Captured Here With-  
out Any Gunplay or Resistance.

## SEEK THIRD MAN

Ralph Bever, Last of the Mob,  
Still Is Believed Hiding  
in Kansas City.

## GIVES CREDIT TO THE STAR

Dwight Brantley, Chief Here,  
Says Telephone "Tips" Came  
In From Readers.

An All-Night Search by Agents  
and Policemen for One  
of Desperadoes.

## BOTH ARE TAKEN EASILY

One Arrested Near Linwood and  
Troost, Another at 721  
West Eleventh.

Two of the nation's top-  
ranking criminals, sought  
here by the government  
and police since they  
eluded arrest in a gun bat-  
tle last Friday, were cap-  
tured by FBI agents last  
night and early today  
without resistance.

William Isaac Radkay was  
picked up on Troost avenue  
about 5:30 o'clock yesterday  
afternoon by two special  
agents, and Samuel Ricketts  
was captured about 5:45  
o'clock this morning cower-  
ing behind a basement door  
in a rooming house.

Ralph Bever, the third mem-  
ber of the mob, eluded the net  
set for them and is being  
sought in an intensive man-  
hunt.

### An Aid in the Capture.

Dwight Brantley, FBI special  
agent in charge, said the arrests  
were made on leads supplied by  
readers of The Star, following pub-  
lication yesterday of photographs of  
the bandits and the story of their  
criminal exploits.

The hoodlums are described by  
Brantley as the most vicious and  
dangerous criminals in the nation,  
rating with such desperadoes as the  
former Touhy gang, the Dillinger  
mob and the Barker-Karpis outfit  
which once spread terror.

Bever, the bandit still eluding  
capture, will continue as a threat  
to the community until he is a  
prisoner, agents said. He is de-  
scribed as a cold-blooded, heartless  
criminal. He is the gunman who,  
when taunted by a soldier because  
he was not in uniform, shot the  
soldier through the head. Brantley  
asked today for further co-opera-  
tion by citizens with information  
that may disclose Bever's hiding  
place.

Soon after The Star appeared on  
the streets last night with the pic-  
tures of the three desperadoes and  
the story of their being "holed up"  
here, the FBI office began to re-  
ceive telephone calls from persons  
who believed they had seen men an-  
swering to the descriptions given.

### On an Anonymous "Tip."

Among the first was from a person  
who said:

"I think the men are at 1106 East  
Thirty-third street."

The person gave no name and im-  
mediately broke the connection.  
Within a few minutes two motor  
cars carrying FBI agents were ap-  
proaching the Amidor hotel at the  
address given.

Meanwhile, two other agents who  
were in the neighborhood on the  
city-wide search for the gangsters  
recognized and took Radkay on the  
street.

These agents, who had studied and  
memorized the features of the three  
convicts, were walking south on the  
east side of Troost avenue between  
Linwood boulevard and Thirty-third  
street. They passed Radkay going  
in the opposite direction.

"That's our man," one of the agents  
said, and the two whirled and pinned  
Radkay's arms behind him, taking  
him by complete surprise. The des-  
perado was handcuffed and taken to  
the car of the agents near by and  
then to the office of the FBI on the  
seventh floor of the United States  
courthouse.

Radkay was unarmed and was be-  
lieved to be fleeing from his quar-  
ters at the nearby hotel after hav-  
ing seen his own photograph on the  
first page of The Star. Agents  
learned later he had bought a copy  
of the newspaper a short time before  
he was captured.

### No Letup on Calls.

The calls continued to reach FBI  
headquarters through the night,  
Brantley said, and between 5 and  
6 o'clock this morning another tip  
produced results. It was to the ef-  
fect that two of the bandits could  
be found at a rooming house at 721  
West Eleventh street.

Four FBI agents in one car and  
four patrolmen in another went  
quietly to the West Eleventh street  
address and were admitted by the  
manager. Room by room, the place  
was searched. Lodgers were routed  
out and questioned, but the men  
sought were not there.

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Officers remained outside to see that no one slipped away.

When all the remainder of the building had been covered, the agents went to the basement searching for hiding places. Near the coal bin an officer closed a door that had been standing open, and behind it, cowering and knees shaking, was Ricketts. He offered no resistance. His hands went up when the moving door revealed him. Brantley, who was present, said:

#### His Comment Brief.

"Well, you've got me," he said, and that was his only spoken word immediately following his capture.

In moving on Ricketts's hideout, the FBI verified the fact he was at the address through a taxicab driver.

At 5:25 o'clock this morning a Yellow cab was called to the Eleventh street address. The driver, Fred Jewett, picked up a man at the entrance.

"I was to get another man here," the passenger said, "but I don't see him. Drive around the block and maybe we can spot him." The round trip was made without finding the other man. "Well, I guess someone else picked him up this morning," said the man as he discharged the taxi and returned to the rooming house.

#### Recognizes the Convict.

Back at his starting point Jewett was met by an FBI agent, who questioned him about the call, showing him a picture of one of the bandits. Jewett recognized Ricketts as the passenger.

Incidentally, Jewett said he has known Bever, the third member of the gang, for several years; that he used to be a hotel porter here.

"When sober, Bever is the mildest kind of a man," Jewett said, "but with a few drinks inside he goes clean crazy."

Agents investigating at the Amidor hotel said they learned the three

bandits registered there at 12:25 o'clock last Thursday morning. It was Friday night that the bandits shot it out with FBI agents and police in the 1800 block on Pendleton avenue. It was believed that after their escape they went immediately to the hotel, whereas officers, for a time, assumed they had left the city.

The Amidor is a small hotel, occupying two floors above a drug store and shops at the northeast corner of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. The entrance is on Thirty-third street. A small lobby with a few chairs is on the ground floor. The desk is at the head of the stairs. The hotel is occupied mostly by war workers, Mrs. Maude Daly, manager, said.

Following Radkay's capture, police and FBI agents threw a guard over the whole neighborhood of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. Men still were on duty there today.

#### No Money, No Baggage.

Search of the quarters the gangsters occupied indicated they had no baggage. Agents found only some shaving creams and a safety razor.

Brantley said the men had little

money and he believed they were handicapped by their comments by a lack of funds. It was evident, he said, they were dressed to appear as war workers, wearing leather jackets and dark trousers. They left no clothing in their quarters and neither man captured appeared to possess extra clothing.

Brantley said he learned Radkay had gone out to purchase a copy of The Star yesterday afternoon, then returned to his room. It was believed the men, seeing the "bear was on," had left the hotel one at a time. Radkay apparently was the last to leave.

#### In Chains and Handcuffs.

After questioning, the captured men were charged as fugitives from the Cincinnati bank robbery. Then, chained and handcuffed, they were taken before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, for arraignment. Both men waived a removal hearing and were ordered to the Jackson County jail under \$50,000 bonds each.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, said Radkay and Ricketts would be returned to Cincinnati "at a day and time not to be disclosed." Agents of the FBI said both prisoners had boasted previously they could "break out of any jail."

The action, filed by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, was based upon a complaint now pending against Radkay, Ricketts and Bever at Cincinnati, charging them with the bank robbery and escaping from the Hamilton County jail there.

Brantley and Dillingham took no chances when Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the FBI headquarters, off the seventh floor, to the marshal's office, two floors below. The hands of each prisoner were handcuffed and chained. As Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the fingerprinting room of the marshal's office to Thompson's courtroom, safety belts were adjusted around the waist of each, with the handcuffs and chains clamped to steel rings on the belt. The men were unable to raise their arms over a few inches.

#### Give Data to FBI.

Radkay gave his age as his fingerprint card as 31, and his address as 250 North Fifth street, Kansas City, Kansas. He is slender, weighing 160 pounds, and standing 5 feet 9 inches tall. His complexion is fair. He signed the card as "William Isaac Radkay."

Ricketts gave his home address as 3023 Montgall avenue, and his age as 28. He also is slender. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds and has brown hair.

Radkay and Ricketts appeared in court in the same clothing they wore when captured. Radkay had on a combination leather and felt jacket and wore blue trousers. He had no hat. The latter wore a new leather jacket and striped work trousers similar to those worn by factory and war workers. Ricketts's hat was of a light green shade.

When Thompson asked each how they pleaded to the complaint, both Radkay and Ricketts answered with a "Not guilty." In answer to Thompson's question whether they desired a hearing or would waive it, both spoke up at the same time, saying: "We waive a hearing."

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### THREE BAD MEN OF CRIME.

Deserters, Auto-Lung Police, and  
ords in This Area.

A trail of criminal activities involving the three men extends back more than a decade in police and prison records.

William Radkay was a parolee from the Missouri penitentiary. He has a long list of arrests in both Kansas City. Almost every entry charges him with highway robbery. In 1935 he was shot by police with a riot gun following the daylight hold-up of the Woodstock-Hoelter Jewelry company. The loot was valued at \$3,000. He was sentenced to the Missouri prison and was paroled in 1940. After his capture in 1935 he escaped from the General hospital and was caught again when he attempted to hold up a filling station at Topeka.

Radkay in 1931 called himself the "Little Al Capone." That was his boast when he was arrested in the holdup of the Leader Clothing company while thirty shoppers looked on. FBI officials said Radkay had been wounded at least eight times during his captures for various crimes. He boasted he was the leader of a gang of young Kansas City hoodlums more than ten years ago and made his start as a bootlegger.

Ralph Bever is an army deserter. He admitted shooting an army corporal in a Minneapolis bar last November, according to Minneapolis police. He was in possession of a stolen motor car with a set of licenses from eight states when arrested by police in the Minnesota city. The army corporal is expected to recover. Bever gave police two Kansas City addresses, 3026 Walnut street, and 115 East Thirty-third street.

Samuel Ricketta, who claimed Minneapolis as his home, apparently teamed up with Bever and Radkay some months ago. Last August the police here were asked by the Niagara Falls, N. Y., department to check on Missouri license plates used on a car in the holdup of a tavern there. The plates were issued to Ricketta and pictures of the three men were identified by the victims of the Niagara Falls tavern robbery.

Similar hold-ups followed in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Milwaukee with three men participating.

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OBJECT OF A CONTINUING KANSAS CITY MANHUNT. RALPH BEVER. SHOWN IN AN FBI IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPH. THE NOTATIONS CONTAINING DESCRIPTIVE DETAIL WERE WRITTEN BY FEDERAL AGENTS. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

#### Brantley Praises the Police.

The assistance given by the Kansas City police department in the man hunt which resulted in the capture of two desperate criminals here late yesterday and early today was appreciated highly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to Dwight Brantley, special FBI agent in charge here.

"The police department was in the hunt from the start and stayed in it with all its resources," Brantley said. "Their co-operation in this case, as in all others, was of great value to the Bureau of Investigation."

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**MANACLED AND COWED**, two prisoners, William Isaac Radkay (left) and Samuel Ricketts, are shown when they were arraigned before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, at the federal building today. A heavy leather belt (visible on Radkay) around the waist of each man is linked to steel handcuffs by chains, permitting only limited movement of the criminals' hands. Radkay, the leader of the gang broken up here by the FBI, was dressed in a leather-paneled felt jacket, bright plaid shirt without tie, and gray trousers. He was hatless when captured. Ricketts wore an all-leather jacket, conventional shirt and tie and carried a gray felt hat. Both pleaded not guilty and each was held under \$50,000 bond for return to Cincinnati for trial on the bank robbery charges. (Kansas City Star Photograph.)

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# G-MEN CAPTURE 2 JAIL FUGITIVES AT KANSAS CITY

## FBI Man Recognizes Suspects Who Fled Here; Search Pushed For Last of Escaped Prisoners

Samuel Ricketts, 28, and William Isaac Ratkay, 31, desperadoes who escaped from county jail Feb. 12, have been captured in Kansas City, Mo.

Their apprehension, announced by Federal Bureau of Investigation officials in Cincinnati, left at large only one man of the five who took part in the daring break.

He is Harry Ralph Beaver, 26, wanted as an accomplice of Ricketts and Ratkay in the \$6353 holdup of the Second National Bank's Avondale branch last Nov. 23.

Clarence Parsons, 23, and his brother, Arthur, 24, under sentence of 75 years each on kidnapping charges, were the others in the break. They were recaptured a week later in an unoccupied Delhi house.

Ratkay was captured at 6:30 p. m. Monday by a Kansas City FBI agent, who recognized him on the street.

Ricketts was caught in a dark rooming house basement Tuesday after Kansas City police and FBI agents went there on an anonymous tip.

Neither was armed and neither offered resistance. They were taken to a police station after a chase through Eden Park. Publication of their pictures in a Kansas City newspaper caused them to separate.

The search for Beaver continued in Kansas City, where the trio escaped in a hail of gunfire last Friday night, after FBI agents sprung a trap for them.

The G-men had set up a road block on a suburban Kansas City street. The fugitives saw the trap, crashed their stolen auto over a curb and fled on foot when the machine overturned. They later stole another auto.

FBI agents believe Beaver may have been wounded, for the wrecked car had been perforated by bullets.

L. A. Obenshain, acting Cincinnati FBI chief, said Ricketts, Ratkay and Beaver were scheduled for arraignment here Tuesday on bank robbery and auto theft charges.

If Ricketts and Ratkay waive hearings in Kansas City, he said, they will be returned here immediately. If not, they will be given early hearings there and returned later.

The jailbreakers escaped by beating a jail turnkey and locking others in a closet. Four of them stole an auto and escaped police after a chase through Eden Park.

Three days after the break Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 3553 Larkspur avenue, was kidnaped by a trio identified as Ricketts, Beaver and Ratkay. He was held prisoner in an unoccupied Walnut Hill house used as a hideout by the fugitives.

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## **FBI, Police Still Search for Bever**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4—Police officers, FBI officers and deputy sheriffs today pressed their search for Ralph Bever, remaining member of the Radkay gang still at large, running down scores of "tips" supplied by watchful citizens.

Officers yesterday pounced on an automobile the gang stole last week, after keeping it spotted several days in the hope Bever would return to it.

The car was found in a private garage Bever rented from Mrs. S. P. Umscheid, who lives about three blocks from the small hotel near which William Radkay was arrested Monday afternoon. She said Bever used the name of Andy Walker.

"We're all staying together at the Steuben Club," she reported he told her.

Later it dawned on her that the Steuben Club had been taken over by the army as a barracks.

"No, I wasn't afraid he'd return," she told officers. "There's a lot of artillery around here."

Police reported they received a store of tips last night but holed to Bever's hideout. Officers believed he holed up here after Radkay and Samuel Ricetta were arrested. The trio is wanted in Cincinnati for trial on bank robbery charges.

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—ACME TELEPHOTO.  
**TWO GANGSTERS CAPTURED**—Harry Ralph Bever, left, remains at large after F.B.I. catches William Isaac Ratkay, center, gang leader, and Samuel Ricketts, right. The gangsters, sought for a Cincinnati bank robbery, were taken without resistance.

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### **G-Men Continue Search For Fifth Jailbreaker**

Harry Ralph Bever, 26 years old, one of five Federal prisoners who escaped from Hamilton County Jail February 12, still was being sought in Kansas City, Mo., yesterday.

Two suspected bank robbers indicted with Bever, for the holdup of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October 31, were captured there Monday and Tuesday.

The two, Samuel Ricketts, 28, and William Isaac Radkay, 31, under \$50,000 bonds, are to remain in Kansas City several days for questioning before being returned to Cincinnati, Alan H. Belmont, agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported.

Identification cards giving Bever's criminal record, fingerprints, picture, and names of relatives have been circulated throughout the country.

Two convicted kidnapers, Clarence and Arthur Parsons, brothers, who broke jail with the trio, were recaptured in Delhi, February 17. They now are in the Federal Penitentiary at Milan, Mich. They have appeals pending from seventy-five-year sentences on charges of kidnaping a Manchester, Ohio, girl.

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# HUNT PUSHED

## For Last Of Five

### Who Fled From County Jail February 12.

#### G-Men Capture Two More In Kansas City—Other Believed There.

Two more of five Federal prisoners who escaped from the Hamilton County Jail February 12 after slugging a turnkey were in custody yesterday as Federal Bureau of Investigation agents sought the fifth.

The latest two captured were Samuel Ricketts, 28 years old, St. Paul, Minn., and William Isaac Radkay, 31, Kansas City, Mo., bank robbery suspects. Both were captured in Kansas City.

Still at large was Harry Ralph Bever, 26, Kansas City.

Two of the five were captured by Cincinnati police February 17 in an unoccupied house at 101 Belmont Avenue, Delhi. They were Clarence A. Parsons, 23, and Arthur R. Parsons, 24, North Bend, brothers, who were awaiting appeal from conviction on charges of kidnaping and raping a Mansfield, Ohio, girl at the time they escaped. They were under 75-year sentences.

Announcement of the capture of Ricketts and Radkay was made by L. A. Obenshain, acting agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the FBI.

Radkay and Ricketts were arraigned yesterday before Charles H. Thompson, United States Commissioner, at Kansas City, on charges of being fugitives from Cincinnati on bank robbery charges. Both

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## Last Escaper Sought

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waived a removal hearing and were ordered held under \$50,000 bonds.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States Marshal, said the pair would be returned to Cincinnati "at a day and time not to be disclosed."

The FBI described the five in a circular issued after their escape as among the most dangerous criminals at large in the country.

Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever, each of whom has several aliases listed on the circular, were indicted February 23 by the Federal Grand Jury at Cincinnati for the armed robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October 31. Robbers obtained \$6,364 in the holdup.

Radkay was captured early Monday night on a Kansas City Street by two FBI agents who recognized him. Ricketts was taken early yesterday in a rooming house basement by FBI agents and Kansas City police, who went there after receiving an anonymous tip.

#### NEITHER IS ARMED.

Neither Ricketts nor Radkay was armed and neither offered resistance.

Obenshain said publicity given the trio in Kansas City papers probably caused them to part company.

Friday night FBI agents set up a road block to intercept the trio in a Kansas City suburb when they learned the direction the fugitives were traveling in a stolen automobile.

The fugitives saw the trap, drove the automobile over a curb, overturned it, and escaped on foot. Later they stole another automobile. The wrecked machine was perforated with bullets. FBI agents believe Bever may have been wounded.

First word authorities had as to the whereabouts of Ricketts, Radkay, and Bever came February 16 when Dr. Cloyce Wilson, 3553 Larkspur Avenue, was kidnaped in his automobile on a parking lot at the rear of Bethesda Hospital.

He was robbed of the machine and \$100, then tied up in an unoccupied house at 629 Clifton, Walnut Hills. After Dr. Wilson escaped and notified police, authorities said the house bore evidence that the trio had used it for a hide-out since their escape.

They left Cincinnati in Dr. Wilson's automobile.

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## KILLERS 'HOLE UP' HERE

FBI BELIEVES RADKAY, BEVER  
AND RICKETTS ARE IN CITY.

All Citizens Are Asked to Be on  
Lookout for the Desperadoes  
Who Escaped Trap Last  
Friday Night.

Three bandits, described by the FBI as the most vicious and dangerous criminals at large in this country, and made more desperate by minor injuries and shortage of funds, are believed by FBI agents to be "holed up" in Kansas City, a potential menace to all citizens.

Since their escape from a police and FBI net in a pistol battle in the 1800 block on Pendleton avenue Friday night, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has extended its search over a wide area. It found evidence today, Dwight Brantley, agent in charge, said, that the men still are here, ready for a new outbreak.

### LONG STRING OF CRIMES.

The FBI today asked that every citizen be on the lookout for William Isaac Radkay, Ralph Bever and Samuel Ricketts, all with aliases, all with criminal records. They are wanted for the armed robbery of a bank at Cincinnati November 23, and bureau agents list a long series of other crimes for which the government is prepared to prosecute them.

The men have friends in Kansas City and the FBI believes they have had help in keeping under cover.

"They can't stay hidden long," an agent said today. "They are about out of money, they have injuries to be treated, and unless they are captured they may be expected to stage any kind of a crime to get away."

Radkay is described as the leader of the mob. He was born thirty-one years ago in Kansas City, Kansas. To illustrate his desperate character an agent for the bureau described an escape recently from agents at Minneapolis.

### OUT WINDOW TO FREEDOM.

He was cornered in his second-floor room in a hotel and ostensibly was ready to surrender. He handed his coat to an agent and when the agent reached for it Radkay turned and plunged through a window to the street below. He suffered a broken arm and an injured heel. He still has a limp in the right foot, the FBI said.

Bever is described as a cold-blooded killer. After the bank robbery in Cincinnati, FBI agents said, Bever was in a rest room in a Cincinnati tavern when he dropped his pistol. As he stooped to pick it up he remarked to a soldier in uniform, "I'm a tough guy."

The soldier replied, "If you're as tough why aren't you in the army?" Bever, agents assert, whirled on the soldier, saying:

"I'll show you how tough I am," and shot him in the head.

The soldier is recovering from dangerous injuries, according to FBI information.

Bever is described as using such aliases as Larry Dugan, L. J. Dugan and Fred Matthews. He is 26 years old and was born at Millgrove, Mo.

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### HIS NICKNAME TATTOOED.

He is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs

175 pounds, has gray-green eyes, has red, wavy hair and a ruddy complexion. He has been a cook, bell-boy, porter and laborer, has a double heart and the letters, Red, tattooed on the right arm.

Radkay is known also as James Murphy, William Isaac Radkay, Willie Ratke, Bob Breeze, Sammy Reuben and George E. Rowan. He is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 153 pounds, has brown eyes and hair and has worked as a shoe repairman, lathe operator, carpenter, packing plant worker and steelworker. He has scars on the back of the left hand, on the left thumb and palm, above the right eyebrow, on the middle forearm, upper lip and a bullet scar on the upper left arm. He is a persistent night club frequenter, the FBI said.

Ricketts, born at Atchison, Kan., 28 years ago, is known also as George Mason, Bob Roberts, George Roberts, Thomas Roberts, "Doc" Ricketts and "Shingle." He is 5 feet 11 1/2 inches tall, and weighs 135 pounds. He has dark eyes, hair and complexion. He has worked as a baker. The FBI says he once was held as an inmate of an institution for the insane.

There will be someone waiting night and day at the FBI telephone, Victor 4686, to respond to any call. Citizens may make giving information about one or all three of the men, Brantley said.

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## FLEE IN A BULLET HAIL

POLICE TRAP HERE FAILS TO  
CAPTURE THREE DESPERADOES.

William Radkay and Two Com-  
panions Smash Car, Then  
Escape on Foot in 1800  
Block on Pendleton.

Three desperadoes who escaped  
February 12 from the Hamilton  
County jail in Cincinnati while  
awaiting trial on bank robbery  
charges, escaped through a hail of  
bullets last night in the 1800 block  
on Pendleton avenue, when they  
were believed cornered by four city  
detectives and an FBI agent.

The three were William Radkay,  
31 years old, and Harry B. Beaver,  
26, both of Kansas City, and Samuel  
Ricketts, 28, of St. Paul. The men  
were charged with the robbery  
October 31, 1932, of the Second Na-  
tional bank of Cincinnati. With two  
others, later caught, they escaped  
jail and commandeered two motor  
cars. No trace of the three had been  
found until early Friday morning  
when Rex Willis of the detective de-  
partment heard Radkay was in Kan-  
sas City.

### A DAY OF VIGIL

Willis and other detectives cruised  
Kansas City for several hours but  
found no trace of the three. The  
police radio broadcast pickup calls  
all day yesterday. The men were  
described by the FBI as among the  
most vicious in the country.

At 6 o'clock last night Willis and  
H. L. Scott, FBI agent, went to a  
home at 1817 Pendleton avenue. It  
is occupied by James O. Smith, an  
engineer, described by Willis as  
a "casual acquaintance" of the men.

Willis put in a call for another  
car, in case the men appeared. A  
car containing James Messick, Fred  
Ennis and Ray Williams, detectives,  
was near the scene. It pulled up  
from the west in front of Smith's  
home just as a 1938 Pontiac coupe  
containing three men appeared from  
the east. There was mutual recog-  
nition. Williams angle-parked his  
police car in the street between two  
parked cars, hoping to cut off the  
other machine.

### BEAVER GETS OUT TO RUN.

The detectives said Radkay was  
driving the other car. He backed  
quickly, pulled over the north curb  
and drove down the sidewalk. As he  
did that, Beaver jumped out and  
ran between 1815 and 1817 Pendle-  
ton avenue. The detectives hopped  
from their car and began firing at  
the bandit car.

The fugitives' machine hit a tree  
and then glanced into the police car  
when Willis had parked a short  
time before. It locked wheels, pulled  
the police car several feet, then was  
disengaged and shot into a 4-foot  
stone wall where the left front wheel  
was demolished. Radkay and Rick-  
etts piled from the car and began  
running south and east.

At the first shots, Willis and Scott  
had popped out of the house and  
all five men fired at the fleeing  
desperadoes. The detectives searched  
the immediate neighborhood for  
several hours but were unable to  
find the men.

### EQUIPPED FOR STEALING GAS.

The Pontiac was riddled with bul-  
lets. In the back police found a gas-  
oline can and siphon. Police and  
federal agents with the co-opera-  
tion of the sheriff's office and high-  
way patrol immediately blocked all  
highway exits of the city in hope  
of catching the men.

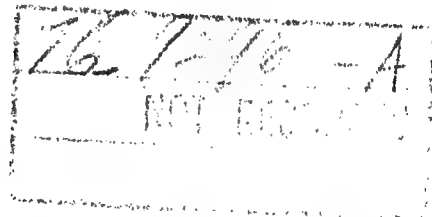
Police records here indicated  
Beaver is wanted on no specific  
charge in Kansas City, but in the  
files is a pick-up order from the St.  
Joseph police on a charge of high-  
way robbery and another from Ft.  
Benning, Ga., on an army desertion  
charge last September. Beaver for-  
merly lived here, according to po-  
lice files.

Radkay has a long list of arrests  
in police records of Kansas City,  
Kansas.

There are many entries charging  
highway robbery. In 1933 he was  
shot by Joseph Schick, city detective,  
following the daylight robbery of the  
Woodstock-Hoefler Jewelry company.  
He escaped from the General hos-  
pital and was captured in Topeka.  
He was sentenced to serve ten years  
and was paroled in 1940 from the  
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## Fugitives, Girl Friends, Pose at Headquarters



Arthur Parsons, left, and his brother, Clarence, convicted kidnapers, await police questioning in Central Station following their capture in Delhi.



With the Parsons brothers police found two sisters, Virginia Mitchell, 17, and Dawn Emma Mitchell, 14, Addyston. The girls said they went into the house late Wednesday when the brothers called to them.



Patrolman Harland Prophater, first officer in the house after others surrounded it, inspects the room where the Parsons brothers and the girls were captured.

## U. S. Removes Parsons Brothers From Local Jail

### BULLETIN

Clarence and Arthur Parsons were removed from county jail late Thursday. Charles Sisson, U. S. marshal, and several deputies guarded them. They would not say where the brothers would be taken.

Clarence and Arthur Parsons, convicted kidnapers recaptured in Delhi after a sensational break from county jail, will be moved from the jail "in a hurry," James V. Bennett, director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, told The Post's Washington correspondent Thursday.

"We are going to get them out of there as soon as proper arrangements for their transfer can be made," Mr. Bennett said.

Cincinnati FBI agents took added precautions to guarantee that the brothers, sentenced to 75 years each in prison for kidnaping a 15-year-old Manchester, O., girl, made no further breaks.

J. Paul Geoghegan, U. S. commissioner, arraigned the youths in their cells on charges of breaking jail.

Clarence, 23, hobbled before him first, still weak from injuries suffered to both heels last Friday night when he joined his brother and three alleged bank robbers in the break.

Clarence said he wanted to see his lawyer. Edward Hoover, co-counsel for the youths at their kidnaping trial, advised them to plead innocent and waive a hearing. Both did, and their bonds were set at \$25,000 each.

Two girls found in the vacated Delhi house at 101 Belmont avenue, Delhi, where the youths were captured Wednesday night, were ordered held in the Juvenile Place of Detention. They were Virginia Mitchell, 17, and her sister, Dawn Emma, 14, both of Addyston.

In Washington, Prison Director

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 OF FIVE FEDERAL PRISONERS.

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**MANACLED AND COWED**, two prisoners, William Isaac Radkay (left) and Samuel Ricketts, are shown when they were arraigned before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, at the federal building today. A heavy leather belt (visible on Radkay) around the waist of each man is linked to steel handcuffs by chains, permitting only limited movement of the criminals' hands. Radkay, the leader of the gang broken up here by the FBI, was dressed in a leather-paneled felt jacket, bright plaid shirt without tie, and gray trousers. He was hatless when captured. Ricketts wore an all-leather jacket, conventional shirt and tie and carried a gray felt hat. Both pleaded not guilty and each was held under \$50,000 bond for return to Cincinnati for trial on the bank robbery charges. (Kansas City Star Photograph)

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# FBI GETS TWO GANGSTERS

**William Radkay, Leader of Desperate Criminal Band,  
and Samuel Ricketts Captured Here With-  
out Any Gunplay or Resistance.**

## SEEK THIRD MAN

**Ralph Bever, Last of the Mob,  
Still Is Believed Hiding  
in Kansas City.**

## GIVES CREDIT TO THE STAR

**Dwight Brantley, Chief Here,  
Says Telephone "Tips" Came  
In From Readers.**

**An All-Night Search by Agents  
and Policemen for One  
of Desperadoes.**

## BOTH ARE TAKEN EASILY

**One Arrested Near Linwood and  
Troost, Another at 721  
West Eleventh.**

Two of the nation's top-ranking criminals, sought here by the government and police since they eluded arrest in a gun battle last Friday, were captured by FBI agents last night and early today without resistance.

William Isaac Radkay was picked up on Troost avenue about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by two special agents, and Samuel Ricketts was captured about 5:45 o'clock this morning cowering behind a basement door in a rooming house.

Ralph Bever, the third member of the mob, eluded the net set for them and is being sought in an intensive man-hunt.

### An Aid in the Capture.

Dwight Brantley, FBI special agent in charge, said the arrests were made on leads supplied by readers of The Star, following publication yesterday of photographs of the bandits and the story of their criminal exploits.

The hoodlums are described by Brantley as the most vicious and dangerous criminals in the nation, rating with such desperadoes as the former Touhy gang, the Dillinger mob and the Barker-Karpis outfit which once spread terror.

Bever, the bandit still eluding capture, will continue as a threat to the community until he is a prisoner, agents said. He is described as a cold-blooded, heartless criminal. He is the gunman who, when taunted by a soldier because he was not in uniform, shot the soldier through the head. Brantley asked today for further co-operation by citizens with information that may disclose Bever's hiding place.

Soon after The Star appeared on the streets last night with the pictures of the three desperadoes and the story of their being "holed up" here, the FBI office began to receive telephone calls from persons who believed they had seen men answering to the descriptions given.

### On an Anonymous "Tip."

Among the first was from a person who said:

"I think the men are at 1106 East Thirty-third street."

The person gave no name and immediately broke the connection. Within a few minutes two motor cars carrying FBI agents were approaching the Armidor hotel at the address given.

Meanwhile, two other agents who were in the neighborhood on the city-wide search for the gangsters recognized and took Radkay on the street.

These agents, who had studied and memorized the features of the three convicts, were walking south on the east side of Troost avenue between Linwood boulevard and Thirty-third street. They passed Radkay going in the opposite direction.

"That's our man," one of the agents said, and the two whirled and pinned Radkay's arms behind him, taking him by complete surprise. The desperado was handcuffed and taken to

the car by the agents, and by and by to the office of the FBI on the seventh floor of the United States courthouse.

Radkay was unarmed and was believed to be fleeing from his quarters at the nearby hotel after having seen his own photograph on the first page of The Star. Agents learned later he had bought a copy of the newspaper a short time before he was captured.

### No Letup on Calls.

The calls continued to reach FBI headquarters through the night, Brantley said, and between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning another tip produced results. It was to the effect that two of the bandits could be found at a rooming house at 721 West Eleventh street.

Four FBI agents in one car and four patrolmen in another went quietly to the West Eleventh street address and were admitted by the manager. Room by room, the place was searched. Lodgers were routed out and questioned, but the men sought apparently were not there.

Officers remained outside to see that no one slipped away.

When all the remainder of the building had been combed, the agents went to the basement searching for hiding places. Near the coal bin an officer closed a door that had been standing open, and behind it, cowering and knees shaking, was Ricketts. He offered no resistance. His hands went up when the moving door revealed him. Brantley, who was present, said.

### His Comment Brief.

"Well, you've got me," he said, and that was his only spoken word immediately following his capture.

In moving on Ricketts's hideout, the FBI verified the fact he was at the address through a taxicab driver.

At 5:25 o'clock this morning a Yellow cab was called to the Eleventh street address. The driver, Fred Jewett, picked up a man at the entrance.

"I was to get another man here," the passenger said, "but I don't see him. Drive around the block and maybe we can spot him." The round trip was made without finding the other man. "Well, I guess someone else picked him up this morning," said the man as he discharged the taxi and returned to the rooming house.

### Recognizes the Convict.

Back at his starting point Jewett was met by an FBI agent, who questioned him about the call, showing him a picture of one of the bandits. Jewett recognized Ricketts as the passenger.

Incidentally, Jewett said he has known Bever, the third member of the gang, for several years; that he used to be a hotel porter here.

"When sober, Bever is the wildest kind of a man," Jewett said, "but with a few drinks inside he goes clean crazy."

Agents investigating at the Armidor hotel said they learned the three

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ORIENT OF A CONTINUING KANSAS CITY MANHUNT. RALPH BEVER, SHOWN IN AN FBI IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPH. THE NOTATIONS CONTAINING DESCRIPTIVE DETAIL WERE WRITTEN BY FEDERAL AGENTS. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

bandits registered there at 12 25 o'clock last Thursday morning. It was Friday night that the bandits shot it out with FBI agents and police in the 1800 block on Pendleton avenue. It was believed that after their escape they went immediately to the hotel, whereas officers, for a time, assumed they had left the city.

The Ardor is a small hotel, occupying two floors above a drug store and shops at the northeast corner of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. The entrance is on Thirty-third street. A small lobby with a few chairs is on the ground floor. The desk is at the head of the stairs. The hotel is occupied mostly by war workers, Mrs. Maude Daly, manager, said.

Following Radkay's capture, police and FBI agents threw a guard over the whole neighborhood of Thirty-third street and Troost avenue. Men still were on duty there today.

#### No Money, No Haggage

Search of the quarters the gangsters occupied indicated they had no haggage. Agents found only some shaving cream and a safety razor.

Brantley said the men had little money and he believed they were handicapped in their movements by a lack of funds. It was evident, he said, they were dressed to appear as war workers, wearing leather jackets and dark trousers. They left no clothing in their quarters and neither man captured appeared to possess extra clothing.

Brantley said he learned Radkay had gone out to purchase a copy of The Star yesterday afternoon, then returned to his room. It was believed the men, seeing the "heat was on," had left the hotel one at a time. Radkay apparently was the last to leave.

#### In Chains and Handcuffs

After questioning, the captured men were charged as fugitives from the Cincinnati bank robbery. Then, chained and handcuffed, they were taken before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner, for arraignment. Both men waived a removal hearing and were ordered to the Jackson County jail under \$50,000 bonds each.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, said Radkay and Ricketts would be returned to Cincinnati "at a day and time not to be disclosed." Agents of the FBI said both prisoners had boasted previously they could "break out of any jail."

The action, filed by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, was based upon a complaint now pending against Radkay, Ricketts and Bever at Cincinnati, charging them with the bank robbery and escaping from the Hamilton County jail there.

Brantley and Dillingham took no chances when Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the FBI headquarters, on the seventh floor, to the marshal's office, two floors below. The hands of each prisoner were handcuffed and chained. As Radkay and Ricketts were taken from the fingerprinting room of the marshal's office to Thompson's courtroom, safety belts were adjusted around the waist of each, with the handcuffs and chains clamped to steel rings on the belt. The men were unable to raise their arms over a few inches.

#### Give Data to FBI

Radkay gave his age on his fingerprint card as 31, and his address as 250 North Fifth street, Kansas City, Kansas. He is slender, weighing 160 pounds, and standing 5 feet 9 inches tall. His complexion is fair. He signed the card as "William Isaac Radkay."

Ricketts gave his home address as 3023 Montgall avenue, and his age as 28. He also is slender. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds and has brown hair.

Radkay and Ricketts appeared in court in the same clothing they wore when captured. Radkay had on a combination leather and felt jacket and wore blue trousers. He had no hat. The latter wore a new leather jacket and striped work trousers similar to those worn by factory and war workers. Ricketts's hat was of a light green shade.

When Thompson asked each how they pleaded to the complaint, both Radkay and Ricketts answered with a "Not guilty." In answer to Thompson's question whether they desired a hearing or would waive it, both spoke up at the same time, saying: "We waive a hearing."

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### THREE BAD MEN OF CRIME.

Gangsters Have Long Police Records in This Area.

A trail of criminal activities involving the three men extends back more than a decade in police and prison records.

William Radkay was a parolee from the Missouri penitentiary. He has a long list of arrests in both Kansas City. Almost every entry charges him with highway robbery. In 1935 he was shot by police with a riot gun following the daylight holdup of the Woodstock-Hoefler Jewelry company. The loot was valued at \$3,000. He was sentenced to the Missouri prison and was paroled in 1940. After his capture in 1935 he escaped from the General hospital and was caught again when he attempted to hold up a filling station at Topeka.

Radkay in 1931 called himself the "Little Al Capone." That was his boast when he was arrested in the holdup of the Leader Clothing company while thirty shoppers looked on. FBI officials said Radkay had been wounded at least eight times during his captures for various crimes. He boasted he was the leader of a gang of young Kansas City hoodlums more than ten years ago and made his start as a bootlegger.

Ralph Bever is an army deserter. He admitted shooting an army corporal in a Minneapolis bar last November, according to Minneapolis police. He was in possession of a stolen motor car with a set of licenses from eight states when arrested by police in the Minnesota city. The army corporal is expected to recover. Bever gave police two Kansas City addresses, 3026 Walnut street, and 115 East Thirty-third street.

Samuel Ricketts, who claimed Minneapolis as his home, apparently teamed up with Bever and Radkay some months ago. Last August the police here were asked by the Niagara Falls, N. Y., department to check on Missouri license plates used on a car in the holdup of a tavern there. The plates were issued to Ricketts and pictures of the three men were identified by the victims of the Niagara Falls tavern robbery.

Similar holdups followed in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Milwaukee with three men participating.

### Brantley Praises the Police.

The assistance given by the Kansas City police department in the man hunt which resulted in the capture of two desperate criminals here late yesterday and early today was appreciated highly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to Dwight Brantley, special FBI agent in charge here.

"The police department was in the hunt from the start and stayed in it with all its resources," Brantley said. "Their co-operation in this case, as in all others, was of great value to the Bureau of Investigation."

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**HIDEOUT OF THREE DESPERATE CRIMINALS** since last Thursday was at the Amidor hotel, 1106 East Thirty-third street, just off of Troost avenue. The small hotel occupies two floors above a drug store and shops. The entrance, marked with the arrow, is on Thirty-third street. William Isaac Rackay, recognized as leader of the gang, was captured late yesterday afternoon just around the corner on Troost avenue by two FBI agents as he apparently was fleeing after being smoked out by pictures appearing in The Star. The fugitives had registered at the hotel under assumed names. (Kansas City Star photograph.)

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# "I Don't Know Why I Left," Escapee Mourns; Brother Says He Is Glad to Quit Hiding

(Walter Radtke, Post reporter, was on the scene when the kidnaping-jailbreaking brothers, Clarence and Arthur Parsons, were returned to their cells. He talked with both, and wrote this first-hand account of what happened.)

**BY CLARENCE PARSONS**  
(As told to Walter Radtke)

"I was pretty easy caught. They (the other three) are not as dumb as my brother and I. I think it will be a good while before they are caught."



Mr. Radtke said they were ready for the

"We had been talking about getting out of this jail for a long time. (Later he said the escape plot was framed about a month previous to the actual break.)

"They came to me Friday and said they were ready for the

break. I didn't want to go. I had nothing to gain by running out, I thought. But I went with them. Why, I don't know.

"I was one of them that jumped the guard when he handed in the bucket. Then I don't know what happened exactly. I ran into the kitchen. The other fellows weren't there.

"Then I ran into the other cell block. Then to the door leading from the jail into the jail office. Somebody, I think it was Red (Red Beaver), had slugged Denny (outside guard, Dennis Ryan). Denny was down and bleeding. Then Ratkay and me went up stairs to the women's jail. We brought down the matron and locked her in the cell.

When we got back I saw Ratkay in the jail elevator. He started the cab and found out he couldn't stop it. He jumped back into the jail office. The cab went on down. Then we slid down the cable, one after the other until the first opening. (This was the fourth floor). Then we made that guy show us down the steps.

"We go down to the first floor and got out the window on top of a garage or something. Then we hung from there and dropped down. That's where I hurt my heels. Ratkay must have hurt himself, too, because I heard him holler.

"Then we had to climb up a little ways and kick in a window. After getting into the toilet we split up. I don't know where the others went, but I turned right and went up some steps to the first floor. Then I was on the street. I walked up a square, then crossed over a block and walked down Walnut or Vine street. My brother was with me. (Later, the brother said he was not with Clarence.)

"The first night we stayed at a garage. It wasn't so cold that night. Saturday we spent most of the day and night walking just to keep warm. I begged four or five dollars from people on the street.

"But we didn't eat until Sunday when we got in the house in Jelhl. In the house we found

cans of food, beans and tomatoes. We had coal in the cellar. We shaved with a plain razor blade. Didn't have a razor.

"This afternoon (Wednesday) we saw the two girls walking. I was lonesome and wanted to talk to someone. I thought I knew them and I called to them from the house. They came in and played cards with us, 7 up, and a silly game called 'I doubt it.'"

"Then the police closed in on us."

## Arthur Tells Story, Then Changes It

In detective headquarters at City Hall, Arthur Parsons, 24, told the same story that Clarence had related.

But when the brothers were taken to the county jail, FBI agents took Arthur into a separate room for questioning.

When the agents finished with Arthur (it took several hours of questioning) he repudiated most

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# Fugitives Relate Story of Escape

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of his earlier story and told the following:

"My brother didn't go with us. The other three and I got out of the Courthouse and we got the machine. We rode out somewhere, I believe it was Avondale. Then we changed cars. We hadn't run out of gas, but the three bank robbers said the car was too hot.

## Dodges Police

"We took another car and came back through Eden Park. That's where the shooting started. We pulled off the road and I went one way and the other three went another way. I saw the police blocking the roads. So I cut over a hill and finally came to a car track. That's where I got these pants from a house.

"I followed the car tracks to the city. My brother and I had made arrangements to meet some time at the park in Delhi. Or maybe it was in Sayler Park.

"It took me two days to get down there and I followed the river.

"Then I got in the house with my brother. The girls had nothing to do with it but we saw them this afternoon and called over to them."

## Glad He Was Caught

Asked earlier if he was glad he was caught and could quit hiding, Arthur answered "Yes."

Asked why he had stated earlier that he had not been in Eden Park he merely answered, "I don't know."

After FBI men had questioned them till almost midnight, Arthur was questioned by Charles H. Sisson, U. S. marshal, who said he was in Cincinnati on unofficial business.

## Placed in Isolation

Then both boys were placed in isolated cells by Sheriff C. Taylor Hardman. The boys were scheduled to stay in the "hole," but were placed in isolated cells, so they could not talk to each other. The "hole" is completely darkened, but there is a steel screen separating the two cells there through which one may talk.

Clarence earlier had said none of them had a gun.

"They must not have had a gun or they would have used it," he said.

## Remain Calm

While Arthur and the 17-year-old girl were being questioned by FBI men in the jail, Clarence and the 14-year-old sister were seated at a table in the jail offices. Often they would look at each other and smile calmly. They attempted to talk to each other but were stopped by a guard seating himself between them. At that time Clarence was amiable and talked freely and calmly but after his questioning by the agents, he grew somewhat snarly.

"If my brother told you he wasn't with me, it's all right with me," he said. Then he hobbled off to the cell.

Early in the evening, Clarence Parsons told police that it was the intention of the three bank robbers to stay in the vicinity of Cincinnati for a while.

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## T.-S. Photos of Escaped Quintet Circulated Nation-wide by FBI

### Hunt for Fugitive Brothers at Scene of Crime.

The local Federal Bureau of Investigation office received Tuesday from Washington 5,000 of the 100,000 circulars being distributed nation-wide for use in the search for the five men who escaped from Hamilton County Jail late Friday.

The circulars bear pictures, identifications and fingerprint classifications of Samuel Ricketts, 28; William Isaac Radkay, 31; Harry Ralph Bever, 28, and Clarence, 23, and Arthur Parsons, 24, and state that they are "five of the most desperate and dangerous criminals at large today."

The pictures of the Parsons brothers were those taken by Times-Star Photographer William Russell as they appeared in court last November. At the request of the FBI, which lacked distinct photographs of the desperadoes, the pictures were sent to the Washington FBI office Saturday by AP Wirephoto from its Times-Star office.

Allen H. Belmont, in charge of the Cincinnati FBI, said the 5,000 circulars received here would be distributed immediately to law enforcement officers.

Meanwhile, Sheriff C. Taylor Handman called for questioning Tuesday every deputy and jailer who was on duty at the time of the break.

Among other reports investigated was one that Noel Stevens, night watchman on a gravel boat in the Ohio River at Manchester, O., had been threatened Sunday by two men answering the description of the Parsons brothers. Stevens said the men threatened to shoot him if he did not take them across the river, but that he refused the request, telling them to use the near-by ferry.

Shortly after midnight, deputy sheriffs went to a West Fifth Street rooming house when the woman operator told the sheriff's office that two men who took a room there might be the Parsons brothers. The men were innocent, an investigation revealed. Several hours later Ralph Anderson, special investigator for the sheriff's office, was summoned to a local depot to view several men picked up by Cincinnati police in the belief they might have been members of the escaped quintet, but Anderson said they were not involved.

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## Fugitive Brothers Sought Where They Kidnaped Girl

Sheriff to Quiz Every Deputy, Guard  
In Escape of Five From County Jail

Search for Clarence Parsons, 23, and his brother, Arthur, 24, who escaped with three others from county jail Friday night, turned to Manchester, O., Tuesday as Sheriff C. Taylor Handman prepared to summon deputies to explain how the fugitives got away.

Officials had at least one clew to substantiate their belief that the Parsons brothers, under sentence of 75 years each for the kidnaping of a 15-year-old Manchester girl, may have returned to the scene of the crime.

A Manchester riverman reported that two men answering the brothers' description threatened to shoot him early Sunday if he did not take them across the Ohio River. He refused.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Handman said he would question every deputy and jailer on duty at the time of the break.

Noel Stevens, night watchman on a gravel boat in the Ohio River at Manchester, said he was aboard the boat about 50 feet off shore when he heard shouts at 1 a. m. Sunday.

He saw two men standing on the river bank and turned his flash light on them.

"Turn that thing off or we'll fill you full of lead," the men threatened.

Mr. Stevens turned it off. Then the men asked him to take them across the river.

"Take the ferryboat," Mr. Stevens told them. A ferryboat is operated nearby.

"We're not going to do it; you're going to take us over," the pair said.

"You'll see," Mr. Stevens replied, and went inside the boat. The men swore, then left.

Mr. Stevens said both men were tall and slender. This description generally fitted that of the Parsons brothers, according to Sheriff Grimes Morgan of Adams county.

L. Z. Lewis, Manchester night marshal, informed the FBI of Mr. Stevens' encounter and said a close watch for the brothers had been ordered in Manchester.

In Cincinnati, C. H. Sisson, U. S. marshal, urged motorists not to pick up hitchhikers. Persons thumbing rides on the highways should be reported to police, he said. He urged housewives to report stragglers.

Circulars describing the Parsons brothers and their jailbreak confederates were sent over the nation by FBI. The other fugitives are Harry Beaver, 26, Kansas City, Mo.; William S. Ratkay, 31, Kansas City, Kan.; Samuel Rickets, 28, St. Paul, Minn., under indictment in Cincinnati on bank robbery charges.

Five thousand of the circulars were received here for distribution over this section. They called the fugitives the "most desperate and dangerous criminals at large today."

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## Country Better Off Without You, Judge Said Sentencing Brothers

The Parson brothers were convicted in United States District Court November 23 for kidnaping a Manchester, Ohio, girl, 18 years old, who later was raped twice by one of them. They were sentenced to serve 75 years each in the penitentiary.

In sentencing them, Judge John H. Druffel, commented:

"The country would be better off without men like you."

The penalty was the most severe ever imposed in Federal Court here. Judge Druffel said he did not sentence them to death because "people who have nothing else to do would intercede for them."

Their case had been appealed to the Sixth United States Court of Appeals and the brothers were being held in County Jail pending a hearing before that court. Prisoners whose cases are appealed to a higher court may elect to start serving their sentences immediately or after the ruling of the higher court, Vern H. Wilson, Chief Assistant United States District Attorney, said last night. The Parson brothers

had elected to start their sentence after their case had been heard by the Court of Appeals, and so were being kept in County Jail.

The three other prisoners were held in jail pending trial on a Federal charge of armed robbery of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank and on three state charges of armed robbery.

The three were captured in Minneapolis November 25, 1942, following a shooting in a cafe in that city.

They were identified, county officials alleged, as the bandits who held up the branch bank and stole \$3,364 October 31, 1942. They also were identified as the men who held up and robbed Jeanette Mason, cashier of the Kemper Lane Hotel, obtaining \$450, on October 12; the Mayflower Restaurant, Oak Street and Reading Road, October 21, where they stole \$181.45 from Artie Cox, cashier, and the Ritz Theater, 3008 Woodburn Avenue, where they forced Nida Renneberg, ticket seller, to hand over \$120.

At the time of their arrest Minneapolis authorities identified them as members of a Kansas City gang described as one of the toughest in the nation and wanted for numerous crimes in the South and East.

## THREE OF COUNTY JAIL BREAKERS



HARRY BEAVER.



SAMUEL RICKETTS.



WILLIAM RADKEY.

These three men, held in Hamilton County Jail under Federal charges in connection with the robbing of the Avondale branch of the Second National Bank last October 31, were among the five men who escaped from the jail last night.

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*Offered to Free Others*

## 5 Ohio Convicts Beat Jailer, Flee in Stolen Car

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 13—Police today were chasing two kidnapers and three bank bandits who broke out of jail last night in the hilly country near here.

The men were Arthur, 24, and Clarence Parson, 23, brothers, under sentence of 75 years imprisonment for kidnaping a woman in Manchester, Ohio, last fall; and Harry Beaver, 26, William C. Rathay, 28, and Sam Ricketts, 28, charged with holding up the Avondale, Ohio, branch of the Second National Bank of Cincinnati.

### STOPPED UP PLUMBING

They clogged up the plumbing of the bull pen of the county jail and then demanded mops and buckets of Turnkey Dennis Ryan, 55.

When he brought them in they beat him unconscious with their shoes and locked him in the bull pen, with his own keys, with five other prisoners, including Tony Treat, 54, under life sentence for murdering a 10-year-old child. He refused to escape.

They next went to the jailer's office where they overpowered and trussed two guards with rope. Then they went to the women's quarters, locked the matron in a cell and gallantly offered two women prisoners the opportunity of escape. They refused.

The elevator took them to the basement of the court house in which the jail is located, and they fled to the street where Leslie Mann, Norwood, Ohio, and his wife were parking their auto. They jerked the Manns out of the machine and drove off. In suburban Avondale, they ran out of gas.

line and stole another car. A police car came along then and a wild chase along the highway ensued, with the policemen firing after them. After four miles, their car turned over on a curve and the men scattered. Police believed the men were cornered today.

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## Five Federal Prisoners Sought After Jailbreak

By the Associated Press.  
CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.—Five men, two under Federal prison sentences for kidnaping and three under Federal indictments for bank robbery, escaped last night from the Hamilton County Jail, overpowering a guard and fleeing in a stolen car, Sheriff C. Taylor Handman reported.

The prisoners included the Parson brothers, Arthur, 24, and Clarence, 23, of Parkersburg, W. Va., under 75-year sentence for abducting 15-year-old Vivian Wells of Manchester, Ohio, and driving her into Kentucky. They were awaiting a hearing on their appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here.

The other fugitives were Harry Beaver, 26; William Radkay, 29, and Sam Ricketts, 27, captured after a gun battle in Minneapolis last November 25 and held pending trial for armed robbery of the Avondale Branch of the Second National Bank here.

The five beat Dennis Ryan, veteran guard, with their shoes as he was taking them from a "pen" to their cells, used his keys to enter the jail office, fled past the jail dispatcher and commandeered an automobile, Sheriff Handman said.

*Arthur Parson  
Clarence Parson*

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# JAILBREAK

5 Prisoners Gain Control of

# MANHUNT

Cell Blocks, Flee Through

# SPREADS

Police Net in Stolen Car

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# FIVE PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

## FREEDOM

Refused By 287.

Federal Felons Subdue  
Guards And Matron,

Then Grab Auto On Street  
—Soldier Brothers. Alleged  
Bank Robbers, Flee.

Five prisoners, two under seventy-five-year sentences for kidnaping and three awaiting trial for bank robbery, which carries a possible life sentence, made a daring escape from Hamilton County Jail at 5:55 o'clock last night.

The break was executed with such cunning that for at least 30 minutes before they fled the five desperadoes were in complete charge of the jail, having overpowered the entire night crew of three jail guards, a dispatcher, and the chief matron. One guard was beaten.

As the prisoners held control of the jail they offered freedom to the 270 male prisoners and 17 women.

Nonetheless, the ringleaders accepted the offer of freedom.

Among those refusing was Anthony (Tony) Treat, under death sentence for murder, and four women awaiting trial for murder.

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### FIVE MAKE ESCAPE

Those who escaped:

Arthur Parsons, 24 years old, and his brother, Clarence, 23, formerly of North Bend, who are under sentence for conviction under the Lindbergh law for kidnaping a fifteen-year-old Manchester, Ohio, girl.

Harry Beaver, 27, Kansas City, Mo.; William C. Radkey, 27, Kansas City, Kan., and Samuel Ricketts, 28, St. Paul, Minn. under Federal and state indictments for the robbery of the Second National Bank, Avondale. They were named also in robbery charges involving hold-ups at several suburban places last fall.

Familiar with the routine of jail life, the prisoners executed the delivery with the smoothness of a motion picture thriller. Included in the details of the plot was the time that the outer guard ate his supper, which customarily is delivered to him at the main jail gate.

### WAIT FOR THIRD.

Getting free rein by overpowering the two inner guards, the quintet waited for Dennis Ryan, 55, 1020 Walnut Street, a veteran guard, who was at the outer station in the jail office, to appear for supper. They beat, choked, and jabbed him with hand-fashioned weapons. Ryan was cut and bruised on the face and head.

Upon leaving the sixth floor jail and failing to steal an automobile from a man and his wife on Central Parkway near Main Street, the five felons ran to the middle of the street, stopping a flow of evening traffic, to steal an automobile from another couple.

Less than two hours later this machine was abandoned in Avondale and another one stolen. The second car was abandoned after it was wrecked in a skid on the main drive in Eden Park, near the greenhouse.

Two of the suspects were reported to have fled from the wrecked

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## Five Men Escape

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machine. Almost immediately hundreds of police and sheriff's deputies blocked all foot and motor traffic at the entrances to the big park.

Just before this blockade was established, a stolen car in which the suspects were fleeing was chased and shot at by Patrolman Alvin Grabencamp.

After an hour's search over the grassy and wooded hills, made slippery by rain, the blockade was lifted when it became evident that the suspects had escaped.

Sheriff C. Taylor Handman, who took charge of the search, also launched an investigation into the jail delivery. Although stating that he would not fix the blame until his investigation was completed, he said that jail rules would be tightened.

"There'll be rules and orders here that nobody can misunderstand," the Sheriff said. "There will be drill and examination every week for every guard and employee. The slightest violation will bring summary dismissal."

Virtually every Sheriff's office employee of all shifts reported for duty as soon as the word of the break was broadcast.

Sheriff Handman said it was evident that ringleaders had figured out everything and timed the break to the smallest detail. He said it was possible they had outside, and "perhaps inside," assistance.

Details of the escape, assembled by Handman, his Chief Deputy, John Behle, Captain William Wiggeringloh, and Elmer Jansen and William Hoitke, special investigators, showed that the quintet worked with precision. One of them even carried long enough to change clothing which was bloodied during the assault upon Ryan.

The delivery started, Handman and Behle said, when Albert Kneuve, an inner guard on the south block, answered an urgent call from prisoners in E Range that the cells and kitchen were being flooded by stopped-up plumbing. The two convicted kidnappers and the suspected bank robbers called out that they needed a mop and a bucket. A Negro trusty is said to have given them a mop, while the call for a bucket was repeated.

Kneuve, seeing that cell blocks were being flooded by water which it was learned later came from plumbing plugged by the prisoners,

opened a gate, which released the locks on individuals cells.

Kneuve, threatened with a roller from a mop bucket, a dirk fashioned to a dull point from a bath shower lever, and a piece of heavy wire shaped into a dagger, was held captive while two of the men went into the north block, where they overpowered the other inner guard, John Goermiller.

Goermiller said he was not aware that the prisoners were loose until they seized him. Throughout their operations the men were without shoes.

With Kneuve and Goermiller locked in cells, two or three of the armed men went to the kitchen, where they started to prepare a meal for Guard Ryan. Goermiller said he was asked what time Ryan usually ate. When he said he didn't know, he was told he was to take Ryan's meal to the main gate. This gate had to be opened from the outside before any one could leave the jail.

Instead of cooking meat which they started to fry, the felons changed their plans. Two of them guarded Kneuve and Goermiller. The three others went to the sides of the main door to wait for Ryan to inquire for his supper.

Before doing this, however, the men called out to Treat, who is under death sentence for the sex slaying of ten-year-old Helen Sellers, telling him he could come along. Treat and other prisoners declined the opportunity, as did another prisoner whose first name is Tony.

When Ryan opened the main jail gate leading to safety he was overwhelmed by the three men, one being one of the Parson brothers. He was robbed of his keys, which gave the five prisoners access to the elevators leading outdoors.

While Ryan was kept under guard, two of the thugs rushed into the jail office, seizing Clem Noll, dispatcher.

When he tried to get to a telephone, the two were upon him before he moved three feet, he said. Threatened with the dirk and a small knife, which the quintet did not abandon as they did some of their hand-fashioned weapons, Noll was taken into a small "isolation cell" just within the main jail gate. He was kept there while two of the prisoners went to the seventh-floor quarters, where women prisoners are kept. Telling Mrs. Margaret Stephens, Chief Matron, who was on duty alone, that "you better come along without any trouble,"

the pair led her to the isolation room and made her a prisoner with Noll.

During their stay in the women's quarters, the two men told the women prisoners that "you all come out." None, including four women awaiting trial for murder, left.

In fact it was one of the women prisoners, Helen Ann (Buddy) Hudson, awaiting trial on a forgery charge, who telephoned the alarm to Station X after they heard the convicts flee. One Negro woman, who pulled the automatic alarm in the jail office, refused to tell her name or to pose for a picture.

Released by other prisoners as soon as it became evident that the escapees had fled, the victims of the delivery made an immediate check of the cells which contained 270 male prisoners. Ryan, although bloody and painfully injured on the head, remained untreated until he had given information regarding the delivery. Later Patrolmen Charles Kathman and Charles Frick took him to General Hospital.

Before the five convicts left the jail office, one of the Parsons brothers forced one of the prisoners, who remained behind, to trade his trousers and shirt for clothing bloodied during the assault.

The quintet also took time to replace their shoes before they used the jail elevator to take them to the fourth-floor level.

Apparently not wishing to leave the Courthouse by one of the main doors, and not knowing which doors were open, the five rushed into the County Planning Commission Office, where they found William W. Kelly, a draftsman.

One of them rabbit-punched Kelly on the back of the neck, telling him, "You're going to lead us out of this place!" When Kelly answered "I can't do that," he said, they forced him to accompany them through the corridors.

### JUMP FROM WINDOW.

Kelly said he was told to "go ahead and see if the way is clear." He said that when the thugs reached the first-floor corridor, they saw an open window leading to the courtyard and stopped. Jumping from the window, which is only a few feet from the top of a garage roof, the five prisoners hung from the garage roof, then dropped 25 feet into the courtyard.

Running from the automobile driveway to Sycamore Street, they tried to take an automobile away from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Schaefer, 533 East Thirteenth

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**FBI Gives Description  
Of Five Escaped Felons;  
All In Civilian Clothing**

The escaped prisoners, who are reported to be wearing civilian clothing, were described as follows by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Charles Albert Parsons, 33 years old, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 163 pounds, has medium brown eyes, dark hair, and dark complexion.

Arthur Raymond Parsons, 24, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 168 pounds, has blue eyes, sandy hair and ruddy complexion. He acts mentally deranged.

Harry Ralph Bever, 26, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has light red wavy hair, dark green eyes, bushy red eyebrows, fair complexion, and is stockily built. He wears rimless glasses. He is a cook. He has a one-half inch scar on the upper part of his nose and wears a ruby ring on his left ring finger. His teeth are poor, the left upper center being false and he has a gold crown in the upper right.

Samuel Ricketts, 28, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, has black eyes and hair, pale complexion, and is slender in build. Very nervous, he is a chain cigarette smoker.

William Isaac Radkey, 31, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs between 150 and 165 pounds, has dark brown wavy hair, and brown eyes. He has a three-quarter inch scar in the center of his forehead, a circular scar on the back of his left hand, and a scar on the palm of his left hand.

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# St. Paul Joins Wic Ohio Escape

St. Paul today joined a na-  
tion-wide hunt for three gun-  
men who escaped from a Cin-  
cinnati jail Fri-  
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The men, ar-  
rested here aft-  
er the shooting  
of a soldier in  
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night club Nov.  
25, are William  
Radtke, 29  
years old; Sam  
Ricketts, 27,  
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ver, 24. The three teamed with  
Arthur Parson, 24, and Clarence  
Parson, 23, both under 75-year  
sentence for the abduction of a  
15-year-old girl, in Friday  
night's break.

Belief that Bever may be  
headed for St. Paul to meet his  
sweetheart has placed the Fed-  
eral Bureau of Investigation  
agents here. It is understood  
that the woman who was with  
Bever when he was arrested in  
a St. Paul hotel is in Detroit  
where she went to join her hus-  
band after she had been released  
by St. Paul police.

St. Paul police and federal  
authorities termed the trio  
among the "toughest" to have  
hit St. Paul in  
many years.  
When arraigned  
before Judge  
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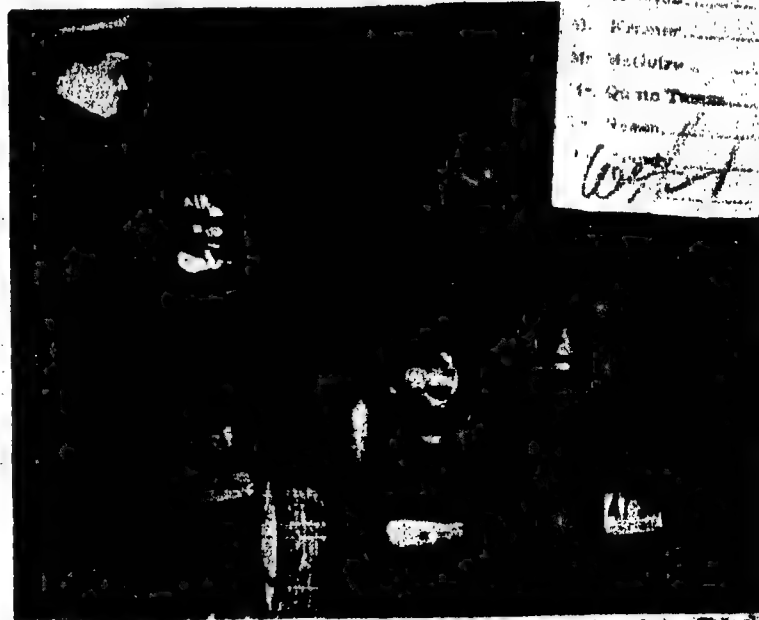
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Arthur Parsons, convicted  
kidnaper.



Clarence Parsons, convicted  
kidnaper.



Patrolman William Sullivan inspects auto abandoned in Eden  
Park by two in jailbreak.



William H. Kelly, county  
draftman, forced to lead pris-  
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William C. Radkey, bank  
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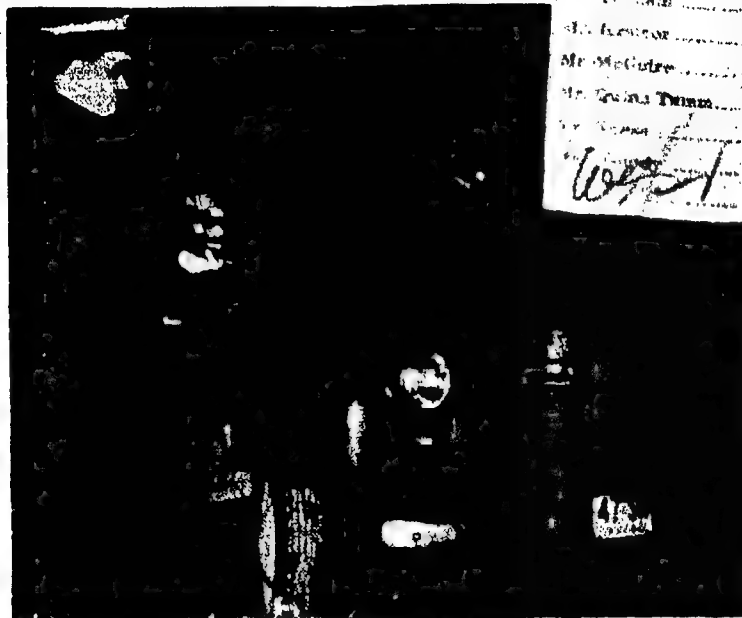
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Arthur Parsons, convicted kidnaper.



Clarence Parsons, convicted kidnaper.



Patrolman William Sullivan inspects auto abandoned in Eden Park by two in jailbreak.



William H. Kelly, county draftsman, forced to lead prisoners from Courthouse.



William C. Reddy, accused bank robber.

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# St. Paul Joins Wide Hunt for 3 Fleeing Gunmen— Ohio Escape Climaxes Mill City Arrests

St. Paul today joined a nation-wide hunt for three gunmen who escaped from a Cincinnati jail Friday night.



**Radtke**

The men, arrested here after the shooting of a soldier in a Minneapolis night club Nov. 25, are William Radtke, 29 years old; Sam Ricketts, 27, and Harry Bever, 26. The three teamed with Arthur Parson, 24, and Clarence Parson, 23, both under 75-year sentence for the abduction of a 15-year-old girl, in Friday night's break.

Belief that Bever may be headed for St. Paul to meet his sweetheart has placed the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents here. It is understood that the woman who was with Bever when he was arrested in a St. Paul hotel is in Detroit where she went to join her husband after she had been released by St. Paul police.

St. Paul police and federal authorities termed the trio among the "toughest" to have hit St. Paul in many years. When arraigned before Judge George F. Sullivan in Federal District court in December for a removal hearing they were the "coolest men in the courtroom", one of the deputy U. S. marshals said.



**Ricketts**

Radtke kept kidding Bever about going to Alcatraz, but the husky redhead grinned back and said he "never would go there".

Rickett's chief worry at that time seemed to be that he had to face an overtime parking violation in Cincinnati.

Radtke at the time of the removal hearing was recovering from a severely cut wrist he suffered jumping from a Minneapolis hotel window when St. Paul and Minneapolis police raided his room following the fracas in Minneapolis.



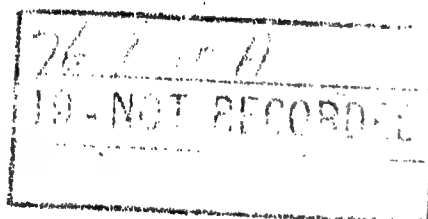
**Bever**

The trio came to the attention of the police when Bever shot Corp. Harold Bartholomew in the jaw in a dispute in the washroom of the Happy Hour night club, Minneapolis. The soldier after listening to Bever brag about how tough he is advised him to join the Army. Bever is a deserter.

ST. PAUL DISPATCH

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# Offered to Free Others

## 5 Ohio Convicts Beat Jailer, Flee in Stolen Car

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 13—Police today were chasing two kidnapers and three bank bandits who broke out of jail last night in the hilly country near here.

The men were Arthur, 24, and Clarence Parson, 23, brothers, under sentence of 75 years imprisonment for kidnaping a woman in Manchester, Ohio, last fall; and Harry Beaver, 26, William C. Rathay, 28, and Sam Ricketts, 28, charged with holding up the Avondale, Ohio, branch of the Second National Bank of Cincinnati.

line and stole another car. A police car came along then and a wild chase along the highway ensued, with the policemen firing after them. After four miles, their car turned over on a curve and the men scattered. Police believed the men were cornered today.

### STOPPED UP PLUMBING

They clogged up the plumbing of the bull pen of the county jail and then demanded mops and buckets of Turnkey Dennis Ryan, 55.

When he brought them in they beat him unconscious with their shoes and locked him in the bull pen, with his own keys, with five other prisoners, including Tony Treat, 54, under life sentence for murdering a 10-year-old child. He refused to escape.

They next went to the jailer's office where they overpowered and trussed two guards with rope. Then they went to the women's quarters, locked the matron in a cell and gallantly offered two women prisoners the opportunity of escape. They refused.

The elevator took them to the basement of the court house in which the jail is located, and they fled to the street where Leslie Mann, Norwood, Ohio, and his wife were parking their auto. They jerked the Manns out of the machine and drove off. In suburban Avondale, they ran out of gaso-

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WASHINGTON NEWS  
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# Happy Hour Gang Escapes; FBI Set To Shoot It Out



GEORGE RICKETTS



HARRY BEAVER

The FBI and Ohio state peace officers today pushed an intensive hunt and prepared to shoot it out with three desperadoes, captured in Minneapolis in November, who escaped last night from a Cincinnati jail while awaiting trial for bank robbery.

Although the trio was nabbed in Minneapolis without the firing of a shot from police guns, federal agents expressed the belief the gunmen would fight it out before surrendering this time.

The thugs, George Ricketts, alias George Wright, alias George Roberts; Harry Ralph Beaver, alias Larry Dugan, and Sam Radke, alias Rubin, were caught here following the shooting of Corporal Harold Bartholomew in the washroom of the Happy Hour bar.

Bartholomew is still confined in Fort Snelling hospital with a head wound.

Minneapolis relinquished claim on the bandits, also wanted in several other cities, in order that more serious charges could be filed against them in Cincinnati. They were later indicted for bank robbery.

## HUNT MEN IN HILLS

The search for the trio, who escaped with two convicted, abductors awaiting decision on their plea for a new trial, was centering today in the hills around Cincinnati.

The five men suddenly attacked a jailer and beat him senseless with their shoes while he was taking them to their cells.

They used the jailer's keys to get into the jail office and then fled past a dispatcher to the street. They escaped in a stolen car.

## 'CAPTURED IN HOTELS

In Minneapolis the trio was rounded up within a few hours by police after Beaver had shot Bartholomew.

Beaver was traced to St. Paul and captured in a hotel room with a woman. She was later released.

Ricketts was nabbed in the Parkway hotel and Radke in the King Cole. Radke broke both wrists when he leaped from a second story hotel window in a vain effort to elude the officers.

MINNEAPOLIS TIMES  
February 13, 1943

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## City of Amarillo

TEXAS

July 26, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Re: State Murder Case  
C. C. Wood, Victim  
Harry Ralph Bever,  
with aliases, Suspect

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the above named suspect, subject of your identification Order Number 1869, was apprehended by this department on the morning of July 23, 1943, at Amarillo, Texas, and has been formally charged with the murder of C. C. Wood, a restaurant owner of this city, who was shot to death near his residence about 12:30 A.M. July 22, 1943. The wounds were occasioned by a gun shot from a .22 Caliber pistol.

Since the Federal Bureau of Investigation has so much interest in this subject, I am taking the liberty to forward to you certain exhibits gathered in the investigation of this case. They have been properly marked and identified and have been prepared for shipping by Sergeant J. L. King of this department, who is preserving the continuity of the evidence here. In each instance and with each exhibit, we will endeavor to furnish you with all possible information and with a statement of what we hope may be developed by examination by experts in your Technical Laboratory.

James Lumpkin, District Attorney who will prosecute this case, joins me in requesting examination by your experts of these specimens and exhibits and that you furnish us with the names of the experts who may be subpoenaed as witnesses in the trial of the suspect and with results of your findings. You are advised that in addition to the specimens and exhibits, ample corroborative evidence has been developed, both circumstantial and positive, to make us believe that conviction will be certain in this case. Grand Jury action will be taken on this case in the very near future. The date of the trial can be arranged to suit the convenience of your experts. However, it is hoped that we may have the results of your findings as soon as possible in order to complete the arranging and preparation of evidence in this case. Following is the list of exhibits:

EXHIBIT A1: Particles of sod and dirt soaked with the blood of the victim from the scene of the crime. This exhibit is for comparison with suspected blood stains from articles taken from the effects of the suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards.

OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 26, 1944

## Slayer Hanged At Fort Sill

FORT SILL, Sept. 26.—(P)—The public relations office announced that Pvt. Harry R. Bever, 27, Kansas City, Mo., was hanged early Tuesday for the pistol slaying of Clint C. Wood, 50-year-old cafe operator at Amarillo, Texas, July 22, 1943.

Bever was convicted and sentenced by general court martial at Fort Sill, Oct. 13, 1943 after a three-day trial on charges of murder and desertion. He was confined in the post prison following the conviction, pending review of the case.

The public relations officer said Bever deserted a parachute battalion at Fort Benning, Ga., in August, 1942. He worked a short time for Wood as a cook prior to the slaying.

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EXHIBIT G4: Harrington and Richardson .22 Caliber, 9 Chambered Revolver, Number 922. This gun had been in the possession of suspect shortly before the murder was committed and was found under circumstances leading us to believe that it was the gun used in firing these fatal bullets. The Serial Number of this gun is 138224. It is desired that test bullets be fired and that your ballistic experts determine whether the fatal bullets, being Exhibit G1 and G2, were fired from this gun.

Q9  
EXHIBIT H: A pair of Cordovan leather oxfords removed from the suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards, to be checked for possible blood stains and comparison with the blood of the murdered victim and blood of the suspect.

Q10  
EXHIBIT J: A handkerchief removed from the baggage of suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards, which is packed in a gray box. This handkerchief should be carefully examined to determine whether or not the corners were tied in the form of a mask around a man's face. It is also requested that these stains on the handkerchief be checked and analyzed, bearing in mind that they may be mascara, gun grease residue and powder residue. It is possible that there may be blood stains on this handkerchief.


Q11  
EXHIBIT K: Hat taken from the baggage of suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards, which should be checked for blood stains and this blood typed with the murdered victim's as well as the blood of the suspect. Suspect claims these stains on this hat are his own blood.

K7  
EXHIBIT L: Known specimen of the blood of suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards. This blood should be used for comparison purposes with all stains on various exhibits mentioned above. This specimen is being furnished in a vial and also on gauze for testing and comparison purposes. The vial contains also .5CC of 20% Sodium Citrate in normal saline as an anti-coagulant. The gauze used is plain sterile gauze and nothing was added to suspect's blood with which the gauze is saturated.

These specimens are being forwarded by air express for the attention of Technical Laboratory. A copy of this letter is being enclosed with these specimens.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation with this department and to assure you of our cooperation at all times.

Sincerely yours

  
A. S. HARPER  
Chief of Police



*Smith 8/4/43*  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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*NV*  
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: *Re: E. G. Kelly, -- Victim*  
*2420 MURDER CASE*

File # *100-361141*  
Lab. # *100-361141*

Examination requested by: *A. D. Murphy Chief of Police, Seattle, Wash.*

Date of reference communication: *July 24, 1943* Date received: *7/27/43*

Examination requested: *Chem. (Fibers) -- Store. (Fibers) -- Microscopic (Hair & Skin) --*  
*Microscopic (Skin Pores)*

Result of Examination: Examination by: *Perkins*  
*Caplan*

*15-9374-1*  
*File*  
Specimens submitted for examination

- 1. Glass jar containing minute particles of scrapings from the fragments of cigarette
- 2. Handkerchief from the effects of the suspect, Ex. 12.
- 3. Handkerchief from suspect's effects to be checked as to color of Ex. 12.
- 4. Small piece of cloth cut from the back seat of suspect, Ex. 12.
- 5. Two small pieces of cloth cut from the trousers worn by the suspect, Ex. 12.
- 6. Sample of hair removed from the clothing of suspect, Ex. 12.
- 7. Small white powder from the body of the murdered victim, Ex. 12.
- 8. A bullet which dropped from the murdered victim's clothing, Ex. 12.
- 9. A pair of children's leather slippers removed from the suspect's room, Ex. 12.
- 10. A handkerchief removed from the baggage of the suspect Henry, Ex. 12.
- 11. Hat taken from the baggage of suspect Henry, Ex. 12.

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- 12. Particled out and dirt removed from the head of the victim, Ex. 12.
- 13. Small stained white cloth removed from murdered victim's body, Ex. 12.
- 14. Sample of hair from the head of murdered victim, Ex. 12.
- 15. Sample of hair taken from the head of suspect Henry, Ex. 12.
- 16. Six Remington-Union Carbide .22 caliber round in the suspected gun, Ex. 12.
- 17. Remington and Remington .22 caliber, 7 Remington Remington, Ex. 12.
- 18. Small specimen of the head of suspect Henry, Ex. 12.

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August 5, 1943

Mr. Fest F. Peterson  
Dell Publishing Company,  
Incorporated  
140 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Peterson:

On July 22, 1943, Harry Ralph Bever,  
I.O. #1860, was located at Amarillo, Texas.

An Identification Order and photograph  
of this individual were furnished to you previously.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - Mr. Suttler

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Case References \_\_\_\_\_

Consigned August 4, 1943

95-9374 Re: Harry Ralph Bever - Suspect,  
With Aliases; C. C. Wood - Victim; Murder.

Mr. A. S. Harper

Chief of Police

Amarillo, Texas

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Specimens Q1 through Q11 and K1 through K7.

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Mr. A. S. Harper  
Chief of Police  
Amarillo, Texas

Harry Ralph Bever - Suspect, With Aliases; C. C. Wood -  
Victim; Murder.

Reference is made to your letter of July 26, 1943 covering the transmittal to the Bureau's Technical Laboratory of evidence secured in your investigation of the above-entitled matter. The evidence which was submitted is listed and identified on the attached sheet.

Human blood was found on specimen Q11 but the quantity of blood was insufficient for grouping purposes. No blood was found on specimens Q1 through Q5, Q9 and Q10. For possible future reference, the blood on specimen K2 was grouped and was found to have come from a person belonging to International Group O. Specimen K7 was found to have come from a person belonging to International Group A. Specimen K1 was unsatisfactory for grouping.

Specimen Q6 was examined microscopically and was found to consist of several human head hairs and body hairs which possess characteristics commonly found among persons of the white race. A microscopical comparison was made between these hairs and the hairs contained in specimens K3 and K4. Approximately two thirds of the

Mr. Tolson hairs in specimen Q6 were found to possess exactly similar characteristics to the known hairs, specimen K4. Four of the head hairs in specimen Q6 were found to be within the range of characteristics of a few hairs contained in specimen K3. Six hairs present in specimen Q6 did not possess characteristics similar to the hairs contained in either K3 or K4.

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You are advised that due to a lack of positive individuality in hairs and to the variability of characteristics in hairs of one individual, the Bureau has adopted the policy of limiting testimony on hairs to statements as to whether the hairs under consideration are animal or human and in the case of the latter, the racial characteristics possessed.

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Mr. A. S. Harper  
Amarillo, Texas

The handkerchiefs listed as specimens Q2, Q3 and Q10 were examined for the presence of gun grease and powder residues but none was found. It was not possible to identify any stains on these handkerchiefs as mascara stains. Two of the diagonally opposing corners of specimen Q10 appear to have been knotted at some time.

The two bullets listed as specimens Q7 and Q8 are of the type known as .22 caliber long rifle bullets and are similar to such bullets manufactured by the Western Cartridge Company known as "Western Super X Lubaloy Bullets". They are similar in all respects to the bullets in the six unfired cartridges listed as specimen K5. Specimens Q7 and Q8 were compared with test bullets fired in the Harrington and Richardson revolver listed as specimen K6 and it was found that they bear rifling marks similar to the marks left by this type of Harrington and Richardson revolver. Some individual similarities were found between the evidence specimens and test specimens fired in K6; however, too few individual characteristics were found upon either the evidence or test bullets of this type fired in this weapon to permit a conclusion to be reached, though as indicated there are some individual similarities and no irreconcilable differences between the evidence and test specimens.

The blood examinations in this case were conducted by H. C. Freimuth, the firearms examinations were conducted by T. P. Baughman and the hair examinations were conducted by L. Rigdon. In the event that any testimony is desired by you it is requested that arrangements be made so that the examiners would not be detained for more than one court day. It is also requested that you notify the Bureau in sufficient time to avoid any conflict in the commitments of the examiners.

The evidence is being returned to your office under separate cover by railway express collect.

Specimens: 95-9374-1

- Q1 Glass jar containing minute particles of scrapings from under the fingernails of Suspect. Exhibit B.
- Q2 Handkerchief from the effects of the suspect. Exhibit C1.
- Q3 Handkerchief from suspect's effects. Exhibit C2.
- Q4 Small piece of cloth cut from one sock worn by suspect. Exhibit C3.
- Q5 One small piece of cloth cut from the trousers worn by the suspect. Exhibit C4.
- Q6 Sample of hair removed from the clothing of suspect. Exhibit E.
- Q7 Fatal bullet removed from the body of the murdered victim, marked at the base initial "T", Exhibit G1.
- Q8 A bullet which dropped from the murdered victim's clothing. Exhibit G2.
- Q9 A pair of Cordovan leather oxfords removed from the Suspect, Bever. Exhibit H.
- Q10 A handkerchief removed from the baggage of the suspect, Bever. Exhibit J.
- Q11 Hat taken from the baggage of Suspect, Bever. Exhibit K.
- K1 Particles of sod and dirt soaked with the blood of the victim. Exhibit A1.
- K2 Blood stained white shirt removed from murdered victim's body. Exhibit A2.
- K3 Sample of hair from the head of murdered victim. Exhibit D.
- K4 Sample of hair taken from the head of Suspect, Bever. Exhibit F.
- K5 Six Western Cartridges .22 Caliber found in the suspected gun. Exhibit G3.
- K6 Harrington and Richardson .22 Caliber, 9 Chambered Revolver, #922. Exhibit G4.
- K7 Known specimen of the blood of Suspect, Bever. Exhibit L.

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August 5, 1943

ps  
Mr. W. A. Swanberg  
Editor  
Inside Detective  
149 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Swanberg:

On July 22, 1943, Harry Ralph Dever,  
I.O. #1869, was located at Amarillo, Texas.

An Identification Order and photograph  
of this individual were furnished to you previously.

With best wishes and kind regards,

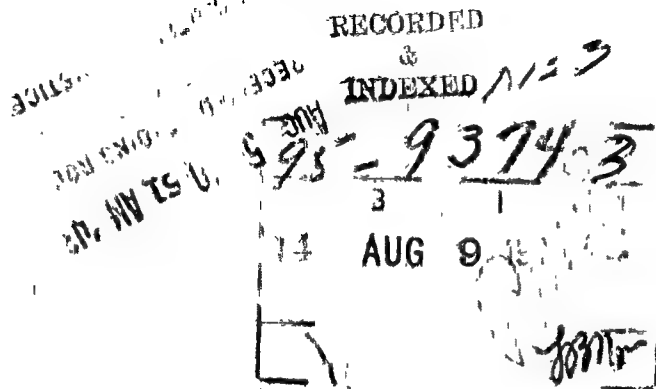
Sincerely yours,

cc - Mr. Suttler

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August 5, 1943

ps  
Mr. H. O. Strong  
Circulation Director  
Mammoth Detective  
Cliff-Davis Publishing Company  
540 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Strong:

On July 22, 1943, Harry Ralph <sup>Q</sup>Bever,  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 5, 1943.

Transmit the following message to: **A. S. HARPER**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
**AMARILLO, TEXAS**

RE: HARRY RALPH BEVER WITH ALIASES; ~~WILSON~~, C.C. WOOD, VICTIM. TWO EVIDENCE  
BULLETS SIMILAR TO UNFIRED CARTRIDGES IN REVOLVER. EVIDENCE BULLETS BEAR  
RIFLING MARKS SIMILAR TO SUSPECT GUN, AND SOME INDIVIDUAL SIMILARITIES FOUND,  
HOWEVER, TOO FEW INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS TO PERMIT CONCLUSION. THREE HAND-  
KERCHIEFS SUBMITTED EXAMINED FOR GUN GREASE, POWDER RESIDUE, AND MASCARA. RE-  
SULTS NEGATIVE. NO BLOOD FOUND ON HANDKERCHIEFS, PIECE OF SOCK, PIECE OF  
TROUSERS, OR SHOES. BLOOD ON VICTIM'S SHIRT GROUP "O". KNOWN SPECIMEN OF  
SUSPECT BEVER'S BLOOD GROUP "A". HUMAN BLOOD FOUND ON HAT, BUT QUANTITY IN-  
SUFFICIENT FOR GROUPING. LETTER REPORT MAILED YOU AUGUST 4, 1943.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RE HARRY RALPH BEVER SUSPECT; C.C. WOOD VICTIM; MURDER. MR. T. F. BAUGHMAN  
HAS PREVIOUS COMMITMENT WHICH WILL DELAY HIS ARRIVAL IN AMARILLO UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER 23. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS ARRANGEMENT IS SATISFACTORY.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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## City of Amarillo TEXAS

Amarillo, Texas  
August 26, 1943.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Harry Ralph Bever - Suspect, with Aliases; C.C. Wood -  
Victim; Murder.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of August 4th, regarding the  
above mentioned subject and the explanation of the Bureau's findings  
of the evidence submitted to your department on this case.

Will advise you that after Bever had been arranged here  
in District Court; charged with Murder of Mr C.C. Wood, the trial of  
Mr Harry Ralph Bever has been set for September 20th, 1943 in the County  
Court House of Potter County, Amarillo, Texas.

James Lumpkin, District Attorney has advised that he  
would like to have Mr T.F. Baughman in Amarillo on September 22nd, 1943,  
and that he would try not to delay him more than one day as a witness  
in this case. Mr Lumpkin has requested that we write to you asking  
that arrangements be made for Mr Baughman to be in Amarillo on that  
date to testify on his findings of the firearms submitted to your dep-  
artment in this case, and for Mr Baughman to bring all of his charts  
on ballistic's which he prepared in this test.

I wish to thank you and your staff for your efforts  
and time in preparing this evidence submitted to your department and  
returning the same to us for use in the trial of the above mentioned  
subject.

If you will advise Mr Baughman that upon his arrival  
in Amarillo to please contact Mr J.L. King of the Police Department  
who has been assigned as custodian of all exhibits, he Mr King will  
produce the exhibits that are necessary for him to use as witness of  
the case.

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Yours truly,

A. S. Harper

Chief of Police  
Amarillo, Texas

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Mr. A. S. Harper  
Chief of Police  
Amarillo, Texas

Re: Harry Ralph Bever, Suspect;  
C. O. Wood, Victim;  
Murder.

My dear Chief:

With reference to my telegram of September 6, 1943 and your reply of September 7th concerning the presence of Mr. T. F. Baughman as a witness at the trial of the above-entitled case, you are advised that Mr. Baughman will endeavor to be present on September 22, 1943, but in any event he will be available at 9 A.M. on September 23, 1943.

It is requested that an effort be made to use Mr. Baughman's testimony and that he be released as soon as possible thereafter in order that he may handle other urgent pending commitments.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in these matters,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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RE YOUR WIRE 6TH REFERENCE TRIAL OF HARRY RALPH BEVER,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ADVISED WILL BE OK. IF MR BAUGHMAN CAN  
ARRIVE HERE BY 9 AM SEPTEMBER 23RD AS WITNESS IN THE TRIAL

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REFERENCE TRIAL OF HARRY RALPH BEVER, SUSPECT IN C C WOOD  
MURDER CASE. OWING TO THE FACT BEVER RELEASED YESTERDAY TO  
FORTSILL ARMS OFFICIALS BY DISTRICT JUDGE HERE, TRIAL IN  
DISTRICT COURT HAS BEEN CALLED OFF, WILL NOT BE NECESSARY  
FOR MR T F BAUGHMAN TO APPEAR HERE AS WITNESS. BEVER WILL  
BE TRIED BY ARMY COURT FOR ALL HIS CRIMES AND DESERTION OF  
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TART. HARRY RALPH BEVER SUSPECT, C C WOOD VICTIM, MURDER. FILE  
NINE FIVE DASH NINE THREE SEVEN FOUR. RE BUREAU LETTER SEPTEMBER  
NINE LAST TO CHIEF OF POLICE A S HARPER, AMARILLO TEXAS, ADVISING  
T. F. BAUGHMAN WOULD APPEAR AS WITNESS STATE TRIAL INSTANT CASE  
AMARILLO, TWENTY SECOND INSTANT. INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY SUBJECT  
BEVER RELEASED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AMARILLO TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES  
FOR COURT MARTIAL.

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## A MAN AND HIS COUNTRY

Harry Bever is dead, hanged by his neck till he is dead. The execution took place at Fort Sill, Okla., a military proceeding, far too long delayed. Harry Bever gave, before his death, too long continued an exhibition of the power of a desperado to defy the civil authorities and the criminal law. He was not a Dillinger, but he was far more the Dillinger than we can afford to see.

In 1932 Bever and two other men robbed a bank in Cincinnati and escaped with \$5,000 of loot. In the same year the same men staged a series of robberies of Cincinnati theaters, hotels and restaurants. Bever was one of five men who escaped in February, 1943, from the Hamilton county jail. The law caught him. It was too weak to hold him. Four days later they kidnapped a physician at a hospital, robbed him and left him bound in the cellar of a vacant house.

In August, 1942, Bever had deserted from the army. In Minneapolis, in November, 1943, he shot an army sergeant, was arrested, and returned to Cincinnati to be tried for his crimes there. He promptly made his escape from the Hamilton county jail. American county jails are notoriously easy marks for criminals of Bever's ingenuity and determination. In July, 1943, he was under arrest for murdering a cafe owner in Amarillo, Texas. Here the army got its hands on him and now at last he is beyond doing further harm.

For two years this young desperado ranged at large, or only temporarily in jail, leaving wherever he went a trail of crime, and it took a court martial finally to hold him, convict him and rid the earth of him. Had he been a mad dog, our communities would have had him out of harm's way in a day or two. For men of the Bever stamp our law and courts and jails still serve too often as a sieve.

Mr. Tolson.....  
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## RALPH BEVER IS HANGED!

ARMY COURT-MARTIAL DEATH PENALTY IS CARRIED OUT.

The 27-Year-Old Paratrooper From Here Convicted of Amarillo, Tex., Murder and Desertion.

Ft. Sill, Ok., Sept. 26.—Pvt. Harry Ralph Bever, 27 years old, court-martialed for the murder of an Amarillo, Tex., cafe operator, died on the gallows here today.

The former paratrooper, a resident of Kansas City, Mo., was convicted of the pistol slaying of Clint C. Wood, 50, on July 22, 1943.

### SLAYING WHILE A DESERTER.

The stocky, red-haired private was sentenced after a general court-martial here October 13, 1943, found him guilty of murder and desertion from a parachute battalion at Ft. Benning, Ga., in August, 1942.

Bever had worked for Wood a short time as a cook prior to the slaying.

He had been confined to the post prison at Ft. Sill, awaiting review of his case by higher authorities.

Ralph Bever was the object of an intensive man hunt in and about Kansas City early in March, last year, following the capture of two companions who, with Bever, had "holed up" at the Amidor hotel, Thirty-third street and Troost avenue.

### THREE VICIOUS CRIMINALS.

The three men were described by Dwight Brantley, FBI agent in charge, as the most vicious and dangerous criminals in the nation, rating with such desperadoes as the former Toughy gang, the Dillinger mob, and the Barker-Karpis outfit, all of which have been broken up.

William Isaac Radkay, an Samuel Ricketts were sought by FBI agents for many crimes when they came quietly to Kansas City. Agents were trailing them slowly, and became convinced they were here. Photographs of the three were published in The Star, at Brantley's request.

Shortly thereafter the FBI began receiving telephone reports from citizens who believed they had seen one or more of the bandits. One lead suggested they might be found at the Amidor hotel.

On the way to the hotel, FBI agents met and recognized Radkay strolling along a sidewalk and arrested him. He was handcuffed without a struggle.

### ON A MOVING MISSION.

Bever and Ricketts were not found at their room and it was learned they were in the process of moving and later a taxicab driver telephoned police he believed he had hauled the two men to 721 West Eleventh street.

In a search of the latter building, Ricketts was found covering behind a door in the basement and was arrested without a battle. Bever had disappeared, and for days a search for him continued through rooming houses and other likely haunts. He dropped from sight and, although the hunt continued over the nation, it was dropped here.

He was arrested June 23 at Amarillo and later indicted for the murder of Wood. Between his escape here and his arrest he had been inducted into the army and had deserted. The murder for which he died was committed while he was A. W. O. L. from the army.

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- K2 EXHIBIT A2: Blood stained white shirt removed from murdered victims body. This shirt should remain in the same condition insofar as possible and should be returned, as it will serve as a part of the Corpus Delicti in the case. This exhibit is for the purpose of furnishing you with an adequate supply of the murdered victim's blood for typing and comparison.
- Q1 EXHIBIT B: Glass jar containing minute particles of scrapings from under the fingernails of suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards, for examination and comparison with blood of the victim.
- Q2 EXHIBIT C1: Handkerchief from the effects of the suspect. Check for gun grease residue, power residue and blood stains, and if blood is found, check with victim's blood.
- Q3 EXHIBIT C2: Another handkerchief from suspect's effects to be checked the same as Exhibit C1. It is also suggested that these handkerchiefs and other clothing of the suspect be checked for traces of mascara.
- Q4 EXHIBIT C3: Small piece of cloth cut from one sock worn by suspect. Check for possible blood stains and comparison with victim's blood.
- Q5 EXHIBIT C4: One small piece of cloth cut from the trousers worn by the suspect. Check for possible human blood and comparison with victim's blood.
- K3 EXHIBIT D: Sample of hair from the head of murdered victim for comparison purposes.
- Q6 EXHIBIT E: Sample of hair removed from the clothing of suspect to be compared with Exhibit D.
- K4 EXHIBIT F: Sample of hair taken from the head of suspect Bever, alias Jack Edwards, for comparison purposes.
- Q1 EXHIBIT G1: Fatal bullet removed from the body of the murdered victim, marked at the base with the initial "T", and for comparison with test bullets and questioned gun. This bullet entered the body cutting a large artery leading from the heart and was removed from the opposite side of the body under the arm pit and apparently struck no bones while passing through Mr. Wood's body.
- Q8 EXHIBIT G2: A bullet which dropped from the murdered victim's clothing, which had passed through thumb and clothing but had not passed through his body. This bullet is also marked at the base with the letter "T".
- K5 EXHIBIT G3: Six Western Cartridges .22 Caliber found in the suspected gun, believed to be of the same make as the fatal bullet and evidently had been in the gun at the same time the fatal bullets were discharged. No empty cartridge cases could be found. The gun was found with three empty chambers in the cylinder.